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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

The special Congressional committee has made report upon hazing at West Point. —— Naval Appropriation bill considered in the Senate; the Diplomatic and Consular bill in the House. —— Representatives of cotton growers will meet in Atlanta February 14th. —— It is announced in Washington that it will not be possible for the United States to withdraw from Cuba before next Fall. —— Fifty American and two hundred Filipino women organized the Women's Peace League in Manila. —— Masked men attempted to rob the postoffice at Emma, in Buncombe county, N. C. —— Nelson Hamrick shot and killed and his brother fatally shot by Dick Bailey in the latter's barber shop at Charlotte, N. C. —— Confederate veterans of Birmingham, Ala., adopted resolutions approving of the invitation to President McKinley to attend the reunion in Memphis. —— Mrs. Carrie Nation began her crusade in Iowa yesterday at Des Moines; she was greeted by immense crowds. —— The situation regarding the Jeffries-Ruhlin fight at Cincinnati is more complicated. —— New York markets: Money on call was quoted nominal; cotton dull, middling uplands 9½c; flour was unchanged; wheat—spot steady, No. 2 red 80¼c f. o. b. afloat; corn—spot steady, No. 2 47c at elevator; oats—spot steady, No. 2 30½c; rosin quiet, strained common to good $1.65 spirits turpentine dull at 40@40c.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, N. C., Feb. 9.

Temperatures: 8 A. M., 41 degrees; 8 P. M., 48 degrees; maximum, 55 degrees; minimum, 41 degrees; mean, 48 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .41; rainfall since 1st of the month up to date, 1.28 inch.

Stage of water in the Cape Fear river at Fayetteville, at 8 A. M., 6.0 feet.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—For North Carolina—Fair and colder Sunday; Monday fair; brisk northwesterly winds.

Port Almanac---February 10.

Sun Rises	6.54 A. M.
Sun Sets	5.35 P. M.
Day's Length	10 H. 41 M.
High Water at Southport	11 40 A. M.
High Water Wilmington	2.10 P. M.

Last year the city of New York paid $900,000 in pensions to retired policemen, and the pension roll is growing.

Mrs. Nation has bought a new hatchet. But judging from her pictures she could smash mirrors without a hatchet.

There are combines and combines, but the late steel combine, formed by the Morgan Syndicate is the boss combine. It represents $1,000,000,000.

There are more than four hundred oil wells in the three and a half square miles that have been developed at Baku, Russia, where the terrific oil conflagration has been raging.

Last year 24,621 people died from snake bites in India, and 4,530 were killed by wild animals. There doesn't seem to have been any particular mortality among the snakes or wild animals.

A New Jersey man recently deceased believed in cheerfulness and stuck to it to the last. When dying he directed that two bands should perform at his funeral and play nothing but lively airs.

One of the obstacles in the way of working the Virginia penitentiary convicts on the roads is a contract by which the State has agreed to hire all her convicts to a shoe-making company. A sort of last resort.

That Philadelphia judge who fined a doctor for not appearing as a witness in an unimportant case, because he was attending a child whose life was in danger, should be operated on by the doctors for a bad case of swell head.

A London correspondent says Americans are the greatest diamond buyers in the world, want the finest stones and pay the highest prices for them, and that's why diamonds are selling so high. The Rockefellers and other fellows have the rocks to do it.

The Standard Oil Company has paid out in dividends within a year and fifteen days $68,000,000, of which John D. Rockefeller's share was $21,080,000, or about $40 a minute. A good many of us would not grumble if we had his income from oil for a week or two.

Mrs. Ella Baker, of Frankfort, Indiana, wants a divorce from her liege lord because while in a rage he picked up her pet dog and beat her to unconsciousness with it and so injured the dog that it had to be shot. It doesn't seem that there was any one around to shoot the larger dog.

LOCAL DOTS.

— The Woman's Auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A. will meet at 11 o'clock Tuesday morning.

— The County Board of School Directors will meet in monthly session Monday afternoon.

— The Board of Directors of the Associated Charities will meet Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock.

— The monthly men's handicap golf tournament, which was to have been held yesterday afternoon at the Cape Fear Golf Club's links, was postponed until next Saturday.

— A "Twentieth Century Fair" will be given in Ruth Hall, corner Seventh and Nun streets, by the colored people on Monday and Tuesday nights for the benefit of the United Charity Association.

— Dr. George C. Worth will lecture to-night at Mount Olive A. M. E. church at 8 o'clock on his experiences in China. His appointment with that congregation had to be abandoned last Sunday night on account of the inclement weather.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Clyde Line—Sailing days.
Notice—An autobiography.
For Rent—Store and basement.
Mercer & Evans Co.—Very busy.
Opera House—The Councillor's Wife
VonGlahn & Gibson—Furnishings.
Geo. O. Gaylord—Battle Axe shoe.
S. & B. Solomon.—Nainsook muslin
People's Savings Bank—Authorized depository.
Murchison National Bank—United States Depository.
Atlantic National Bank—Deposit your money where it is safe.

BUSINESS FAILURES.

P. H. Hayden—Buggies, harness.
Wil. Gas Light Co.—Gas heaters.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mrs. R. G. Wight arrived last night from Richmond.

— Rev. Father Dennen returned yesterday from a trip North.

— Mr. J. H. Stone, of Little River, S. C., is in the city on a business trip.

— Mrs. Haywood Clark and little daughter returned last evening from a pleasant visit to Norfolk.

— Mr. H. W. Nash left last night for Washington, N. C., to spend a few days with his parents.

— Miss Pattie Zibelin, of Viola, has returned home after a visit in the city to Mrs. Geo. H. Heyer.

— Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Brown and children, of Rocky Point, returned home yesterday after a visit in the city.

— Mr. Milton C. Elliott, who has been spending several days at home, left last night, returning to the University of Virginia.

— Rev. Edgar Carpenter, who has been called to the pastorate of St. Paul's Episcopal church, arrived yesterday evening from Portsmouth.

— Prof. Jno. G. Russell arrived in the city last evening from Bennettsville, S. C., via Greensboro, and will soon open another office and will be prepared to do any needed work on church organs and pianos.

BAPTIST CHURCH ORGANIZED

At Delgado Mills by Rev. C. S. Blackwell Friday Night.

A Baptist church was organized Friday night at Delgado village by Rev. Calvin S. Blackwell, D. D., assisted by Rev. L. B. Boney, who has been doing mission work there for some time past. All the public worship will be conducted in the chapel which was built recently at the Delgado Mills. The prospects for good work by the church are very encouraging. Rev. Mr. Boney will serve the congregation as pastor.

The Baptist Sunday school which was organized at Delgado village some months since and which has been conducted so successfully, was last Sunday merged into a union Sabbath school which is jointly conducted by the several denominations represented there.

Norfolk Young Man in Trouble.

Frank Moore, a young white man, was arrested yesterday on suspicion of having stolen about $60 from a party in Norfolk, but he was released late in the afternoon on account of a telegram to Chief Parmele stating that the young man was not wanted. Two days since Chief Parmele received a letter from the chief of police of Norfolk, asking him to look out for young Moore. Moore came here directly from Norfolk, and when arrested he had no money on his person. A telegram was sent to Norfolk notifying the authorities of the arrest and the particulars in the case and they wired back and ordered his release.

Scenes for Private Theatre.

Mr. L. R. Close, of the scene painting studio of Messrs. Sosman & Landis, 236 and 238 South Clinton street, Chicago, arrived in the city yesterday to paint the scenery and other stage accessories for Mr. Pembroke Jones' extensive pavilion which is being built by contractor Shepard at "Airlee," Mr. Jones' handsome county seat on Wrightsville. Mr. Close is an artist of reputation and his contribution to the series of private theatricals which Mr. Jones will have at his place will be valuable.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The Senate Passed the Bill Reapportioning Representation in the House.

MORTON MADE A HARD FIGHT

For New Hanover to Retain Its Present Representation—Discussion on Bill Providing for Sixteen Judicial Districts—Revenue Act.

[*Special Star Correspondence.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., February 9.—Despite the steady growth of a sentiment among members of the General Assembly against making any changes in the Congressional districts as they now stand and in favor of merely proving for the election of one Congressman at large, there are those who are hard at work trying to carve up the State into ten districts, so that all, or all but one, will be certainly Democratic. Several bills drafted with this purpose in view are now in the hands of the House committee. And another has just been introduced in the House by Mr. Watts, of Iredell. Under the provisions of this bill New Hanover continues in the Sixth district, which is composed of Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus, Cumberland, Harnett, New Hanover and Robeson.

The probability now is that all these bills will be rejected and no change be made, save the provision for a Congressman-at-large.

There seems to be some mistake about the status of the bill empowering the commissioners of New Hanover to appropriate $500 annually to the Wilmington Light Infantry and a similar amount to the Wilmington division Naval Reserves. Several members interested in the bill were under the impression that it had passed both the Senate and House, but it develops that it is now in the hands of the House Judiciary Committee, to which it was referred when it came over from the Senate. While there has been no report from the committee as yet, there is a strong probability that when it comes up for passage there will be an amendment leaving the amount to be appropriated to each of the companies discretionary with the county commissioners, with the proviso that not exceeding $500.00 shall be set aside for either company.

Senator Morton's substitute for the House bill to empower the county commissioners of New Hanover to sell the old court house is still in the hands of the Senate committee. It will be remembered that the substitute provides that the corner lot can be sold at any time, but that in the event the majority of the property owners of the county petition the commissioners to do so, they must deed the old court house building to the Naval reserves to be held during the life of the division.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

Reapportionment Bill.

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 9.—The Senate passed the bill reapportioning representation in the lower house of the General Assembly. Morton made a hard fight for New Hanover to retain two representatives but lost, the bill passing as reported from committee, with representation strictly in accordance with the United States census returns.

When the bill came up Morton offered an amendment to strike out Sampson and insert New Hanover, for two representatives. Speaking to his amendment Capt. Morton made a capital speech, which was highly complimented and struck the popular sentiment of the Senate, but the census and all the facts are against the change. He argued that his amendment was only just and fair. The amendment was lost by a big majority. In his speech Morton said he knew the committee took the census returns; but New Hanover, containing the largest city in the State, the best port on the South Atlantic coast, for fifty years had two representatives. He did not claim the census was wrong more than in other counties, but a peculiar situation confronted New Hanover. Before the Boston tea party, people of New Hanover ran out the British. So, when Eastern Carolina was under negro rule good people came to the rescue of their homes and firesides and guarded their property with rifles. "I only ask that New Hanover be given credit for 500 citizens, temporarily absent in June last, and the county will retain two representatives. If you allow New Hanover her representatives you have two Democrats; Sampson, and you have two Populists."

The discussion continued for two hours or more during which another motion by Morton, to postpone action until Tuesday, was lost. The bill then passed a second reading and on objection to a third, went over to the Monday calendar.

The bill to allow railroads in this State to consolidate with roads of other States (general law) was voted down on a statement by London, that the Committee on Railroads opposed it.

Bills Passed Final Reading.

Bills passed final reading: To establish graded schools in Selma; to incorporate the Marion and Northwestern Railroad; to prevent hunting without consent of land owners in Pender, Wilson, Polk and Cabarrus counties; to provide a State banking system.

Bills to incorporate the Wrightsville and Onslow Navigation Company came up on the calendar, but was re-referred, to investigate an amendment granting exclusive rights after a four-foot channel is secured.

Superior Court Districts.

The bill drawn by the Joint Committee on Judicial Districts and Courts, providing for sixteen Superior Court districts and judges, was reported and discussed at length. Finally action was deferred until Monday at 11 o'clock. Opposition is offered by Brown of Columbus, on the ground that fifteen judges are enough. Also, wants a proviso that no pay will be allowed for special terms unless the judge has already held forty courts during the year. It is understood such a provision will be made in a subsequent bill, dividing the State into sixteen districts and providing for the appointment of judges.

The principal business in the House was the passage of a bill similar to the one in the Senate, providing for sixteen Superior Court districts and judges. The bill was reported through Judge Allen, with a request from the committee for immediate action. The amendment by Graham for fifteen judges instead of sixteen, was voted down. The bill passed by roll-call—55 to 22. It abolishes all criminal courts and goes into effect July 1st.

Bills passed final reading To authorize Halifax county to pay indebtedness; to allow Dunn to issue bonds; to allow Concord to issue bonds to authorize Snow Hill to subscribe to stock of the Great Eastern Railroad.

Bills introduced: By Willard, to amend the insurance laws of 1899. By Hood, to amend laws of 1893, dividing murder into two degrees.

A bill was introduced in the Senate, by Ward to permit graduates of the State Normal to teach public schools without standing examinations.

The New Revenue Act.

The new revenue act, as prepared by the sub-committee, to be submitted to the Joint Finance Committee Monday, will contain many new features. The committee probably will give citizens an opportunity to be heard on the new features before reporting to the Assembly. Mr. Willard, who is most active in the preparation of the bill, says the act as prepared will increase the State revenue $200,000. Schedule A don't change the poll tax ($1 27); the general property tax remains at 43 cents, the pension tax is increased from 3½ to 5 cents, the State tax is decreased from 21½ to 20 cents.

One feature of the revenue act is the inheritance tax provision (by Willard.) It imposes a graduated tax on personal property, estates of over $3,000, increasing with the value of the estate and distance of relationship. A provision is made that all dispensaries pay 25 per cent. of the net profits to the State. Social clubs, which dispense drinks, must pay one dollar for each member. In the merchants' tax, gross sales are used as the basis of taxation; retailers, five cents on the hundred dollars; wholesalers, two and one half cents. There is a tax of one dollar on a dog and fifty cents on each additional dog. Theatres in cities of twenty thousand population are taxed 250. A tax on corporate towns and on bonded indebtedness of private corporations, when bonds are owned in the State, is provided. The treasurers of all corporations are required to collect tax on bonds before paying interest on the same. Bonded debts of counties and municipalities are taxed the same way. It is hardly probable a provision will be made for reassessment of property.

R. C. ORRELL & COMPANY.

Succeeding Firm to Livery Business of Capt. R. C. Orrell Organized.

Mr. L. V. Carroll, an experienced liveryman of Brunswick, Ga., has formed a co partnership with Capt. R. C. Orrell, proprietor of the well known livery and feed stables at the southwest corner of Third and Princess streets and in the future the business will be conducted under the firm name of R. C. Orrell & Company.

The reputation of Capt. Orrell as a liveryman is too well known for the STAR to refer to it here and it will suffice to say that with the twelve years experience in the business of Mr. Carroll at one of the liveliest and most up to date cities in Georgia, the new concern will do well. The business will be much enlarged and all the equipments and stock brought up to a first class standpoint.

Mr. Carroll will make this his home in the future and the STAR feels sure that a warm welcome awaits him.

EASTERN DISTRICT CRIMINAL COURT.

Objection to Its Abolition Developed in Fayetteville—Endorsement Made.

H. McD. Robinson, Esq., an ex-member of the Legislature, from Cumberland county, in a card in yesterday afternoon's Fayetteville *Observer* says:

"I wish to say that a majority of the bar of Fayetteville, I think, are in favor of the criminal court, and are opposed to its abolition, as are also in my opinion a large portion of the people of the county."

Mr Robinson in the same card also calls attention to the fact that the Cumberland County Democratic Convention, July 4th, 1900, and the entire Bar of Fayetteville, Nov. 16th, 1900, unanimously endorsed Isaac A. Murchison, Esq., of the Fayetteville Bar, for the judgeship of the Eastern District Criminal Court.

Transfers of Real Estate.

The following real estate transfers were recorded at the Court House yesterday:

Wm. J. Reaves and wife to Geo. W. Penny and wife, property 31x110 feet on Second between Church and Castle streets; consideration $1,500.

Edward H. Kidder, of Brooklyn, N. Y., Geo. W. Kidder, of Wilmington and Gilbert P. Kidder, of Seattle, Washington, trustees, to H. M. Millinor and wife, property 100x131 feet on Front street between Dawson and Bragg; consideration $100.

Sam Bear, Sr., and wife to Geo. Williams, a tract of land, six and seven-tenths acres, in Cape Fear Township; consideration $37.

AT GRACE M. E. CHURCH TO-DAY.

Bishop Duncan's Visit to the City Makes Occasion for Special Services.

Bishop W. W. Duncan, of Spartanburg, the noted South Carolina Methodist divine, arrived in the city, yesterday afternoon via the W. C. & A. railroad and is the guest of Mrs. Roger Moore, on Chesnut street. He will occupy the pulpit at both services at Grace M. E. church to-day and the young people, who have worked so diligently for the organ fund in the past will make his visit the occasion of a special rally at which it is hoped to swell the amount in hand to sufficient proportions to make the purchase desired at an early date. Over $2,000 has already been raised for this purpose and at both services to day collections will be made to increase the amount as largely as possible.

A special programme of music has been arranged for each service, including a solo, "Before The Throne of Glory," by Miss. Rena Mills, in the morning, and another entitled "O, Divine Redeemer," by Miss Mary Cole, in the evening.

The choir will be composed as follows: Sopranos, Misses Nora Scott, Lilly B. McLaurin, Mary Cole and Rena Mills; altos, Miss Minnie Perdew and Mrs. W. W. Hodges; tenor, Mr. W. W. Hodges; bassos, Messrs. R. H. Grant, J. M. Culbreth and M. Lester Busey; cornetist, Mr. E. C. Craft; organist, Mrs. M. L. Chasten.

There will be no service at Fifth Street M. E. Church at night, to allow the congregation to hear Bishop Duncan at Grace.

PLEASING INCIDENT ON 'CHANGE.

Handsome Bit of Needlework Yields Virginia Lady Neat Sum.

A very valuable and handsomely wrought piece of needle work sent to Wilmington by Miss Mamie F. Rice, of New Market, Va., was canvassed for at the Produce Exchange yesterday and the proceeds, which amounted to $5, were forwarded to Miss Rice who explained in sending the pretty work of art that her father some time ago undertook the task of marking with head stones, the graves of the Confederate dead in Virginia, but being in capacitated for further good service in this particular by an attack of rheumatism, she had undertaken to take up the work where her father had left it off.

The prize was won by Col. Wm. L. DeRosset, who presented it through Mr. H. K. Nash in a neat little speech to Miss Leonora Cantwell, daughter of Wilmington's noble veteran, Col. Jno. L. Cantwell, secretary of the Exchange.

Inaugurated a Worthy Movement.

Members of the "Ladies' Benevolent Society" of St. Luke's A. M. E. church (colored) have inaugurated a movement towards the purchase of a home for the destitute old females of their race similar to the Catherine Kennedy Home, maintained for aged white ladies by the Benevolent Society of the white race. Contributions are now being received for this purpose and may be given to any one of the following list of officers and members at the colored organization: Mrs. Lizzie Yarborough, (president,) Mary Mitchell, (secretary,) Lilla Smith, (treasurer,) Varolina Carnegie, Evelina Jones, Maggie Sheridan, Josephine Simmons, Mary Barnett, Sallie Brinson, Maria Cunningham, Mildred Dudley, Laura Mulder, Francis Broun, Lucy Davis, Jane Howe, Jane Royal, Sarah Hill and Marion Elerby.

Further Work at Marine Hospital.

The repairs and improvements at the Marine Hospital for the past several months have been so gradual that they have not appeared so important as they really are. Besides the new laundry hat has been built and equipped, to say nothing of other additions to the institutions, proposals were yesterday sent to Washington for the construction of several new sewers for the building, water tanks for the laundry supply and a new flag staff. The contract will be let in a few days and the work begun.

Saturday Afternoon Recital.

The following is the programme which was rendered at the usual Saturday afternoon piano recital in Schubert Hall at 4.30 P. M. yesterday:

"Allegretto," (Beyer.) by Miss Mamie Nathan, a pupil of Miss Marcella Shrier.

"Valse in C Major," (Schmoll.) by Miss Laurice Hardin, a pupil of Mr. James C. Craft.

"Reverie," (Wilson.) by Miss Ella Brady, a pupil of Mrs. James D. McMillan.

"Valse Noble," (Scharwenka.) by Miss Mary Post, a pupil of Mrs. M. L. Chasten.

Will Have Month's Furlough.

Dr. T. B. Perry, surgeon in charge of the U. S. Marine Hospital here, will leave to-day on a month's leave of absence granted by the Department in Washington. He will spend a part of the time in New York and the remainder at his home in Georgia. Dr. Jno. McMullen, who has been on leave for some time, is here and will have charge of the hospital in Dr. Perry's absence.

Buried at Oakdale.

The funeral of Miss Annie H. Boyd was held yesterday morning, at 10:30 o'clock, from the residence at 112 South Eighth street. The service was conducted by Rev. J. W. S. Harvey, assisted by Rev. J. W. Potter. The interment was made in Oakdale cemetery. Messrs. J. T. Carney, O. West, S. Sneeden, and S. J. Sneeden were pall bearers.

ICE FACTORY ABLAZE

Plant of Carolina Ice Company Practically Destroyed by Fire Yesterday.

EXPLOSION OF OIL STOVE.

Insurance on Property Amounting to $9,000—No Accurate Estimate of Damage Can Be Obtained—Loss on Building About $2,000.

The plant of the Carolina Ice Company, owned by Mr. J. M. Solky, and situated on the southeast corner of Dock and Water streets, was visited by a destructive fire yesterday shortly after noon, which came very near making a complete loss of the property. As it is, the loss on the building is variously estimated at from $1,500 to $2,500, and while it is known that the amount of damage exceeds that on the building, no accurate estimate of the loss on machinery could be given yesterday, and it will require a critical examination by experts before this can be determined.

The origin of the fire was the explosion of an oil stove in the office, in the northeast corner of the factory, on the first floor, and in an almost incredibly short space of time the flames had swept across the building upon the second floor to the west, where the new cold storage plant, which was installed by the company last season, is located.

The only person in the office at the time of the explosion was Mr. C. J. Williams, one of the wagon delivery clerks, who made a miraculous escape and hastened to the store of Mr. T. J. Gore across the street to send in a telephone alarm to the department. Before this could be done, however, policeman W. B. Brown discovered the fire and sent in an alarm from box 43, corner Front and Orange streets.

The chemical engine was the first to put on a stream, but this was not as effective as usual on account of a temporary disarrangement of one of the cylinders in which is stored the fluid that is used. Three lines of hose were also brought to play upon the fire—one from a hydrant very near the building; another from Fourth and Orange streets, and still another from Fourth and Market streets.

The firemen did well to confine the flames to the building in which they originated, considering the rapidity with which the fire spread and the disadvantageous position and build of the factory. The roofs of some of the buildings of Mr. C. M. Whitlock's machine shops adjoining on Water street and of Mr. W. E. Worth's city ice depot adjoining on Dock street were slightly damaged, but both properties are covered by insurance.

The Carolina Ice Company's building and machinery were insured for $9,000 with Messrs. Willard & Giles, and in response to an inquiry by a STAR reporter as to whether he would rebuild, Mr. Solky stated yesterday afternoon that he would rebuild at once and have everything in shape for next season. Every contract that the factory has will be filled as if the fire had not occurred.

A number of unimportant papers and a day book were destroyed in the office, but all the books and papers in the safe were intact upon its opening by a machinist from the Wilmington Iron Works late yesterday afternoon.

SPECULATING IN PRODUCE.

Northern Commission Men Already Buying Crops of Strawberries for Future. The Strawberry Prospects.

The Mount Olive *Advertiser*, published in the heart of the trucking section of Eastern North Carolina and at the largest strawberry shipping point in the State, has the following concerning the prospects for the coming season:

"Everything indicates that the trucking season of 1901 will be one of the most prosperous since the industry assumed anything like commercial importance. The acreage devoted to cantaloupes will be at least double that of last year and the acreage in Irish potatoes will be fully equal to that of former seasons. There will be a smaller crop of strawberries than usual if the season is an average one, but if the season proves to be unusually propitious, the yield will, in all probability, be a normal one in the Mount Olive district, with decreased yield in the sections further South.

"Speculators from the North appear to realize that there will be a shortage in the berry crop, and with an eye always to the main chance are now endeavoring to purchase entire crops. At places south of Mount Olive several crops have been sold at $100 per acre, the berries to be delivered at the railroad depot. While $100 per acre is a fair price, it is the opinion of many experienced growers that the short crop warrants better money. The grower can amuse himself by considering the various plans for disposing of his crop—will it pay best to sell his crop by the acre, sell it on the platform or consign to "one of the best commission houses in the business.'"

Colored Humorist of Distinction.

Charles W. Chesnutt, the famous colored author and platform reader, of Cleveland, Ohio, and a native of Fayetteville, N. C., will appear at the Congregational Church, Nun between Sixth and Seventh streets, on Thursday night of this week. He is on his way to Booker Washington's annual conference at Tuskegee, Ala., Feb. 20th, and will stop here to give the readings which are pronounced by the Northern and Southern press alike as being unequalled. Among the number of books from his pen are "The Conjure Woman," "The Wife of His Youth" and other stories of negro life both in the North and South.

MANY SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

Will Be Crowded in Before Lent—Several Events for This Week.

Three important social functions will be given in Wilmington during the coming week, besides a number of formal and informal card parties and entertainments which will be more of a private nature.

The first social event of the week will be the *bal poudre* Tuesday night given by young ladies of the city to their young men friends. It is learned that some magnificent fancy costumes will be worn on that occasion.

L'Arioso German Club will follow Wednesday night with its final german before Lent, and the members are looking forward to it with much genuine pleasure.

On Thursday night Miss Lucile Murchison will entertain at her home on South Third street.

The music on each of the above occasions will be by the Hollowbush Orchestra of Raleigh.

NEW ENTERPRISE AT FAYETTEVILLE.

The Armfield Wholesale Company Organized by a Corps of Business Men.

[*Fayetteville Observer, 9th.*]

The Armfield Wholesale Company, with a paid up capital of $10,000, was organized in this city yesterday, Mr. J. F. L. Armfield, the well known tobacco man of Mt. Airy, being chosen president and Mr. J. W. Patterson secretary and treasurer. The other members of the company are Messrs. A. W. McLean, president of the Lumberton bank; J. C. Carter, of Maxton; E. Sternberger, of Clio, S. C., and Dillon & Son, of Dillon, S. C.

The freight warehouse of the A. C. L. R. R. has been secured for the present, to which additions will shortly be made, and business will begin at an early day. Mr. Armfield, the president, speaks very highly of this point as a centre for excellent wholesale grocery trade.

For Whooping Cough use CHENEY'S EXPECTORANT.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

FOR RENT.

SOUTH STORE AND BASEMENT IN MASONIC TEMPLE FORMALLY OCCUPIED BY H. L. FENNELL.
APPLY TO JAMES C. MUNDS.
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LARGE SHIPMENT.....

Bananas, Oranges, Apples, Pears and Cocoanuts just arrived. Candy Factory in full blast. Don't buy bakery supplies before examining my line.

Andrew Mavronicholes.
110 Market street.
jan 23 tf 705 North Fourth street.

Opera House
Thursday, February 14.
MR. ERIC HOPE,
(Earl of Yarmouth),
Presenting Jerome K. Jerome's famous Comedy,
The Councillor's Wife.
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Fire Alarms.

During this week I will distribute a neat placard on which is printed the location of Fire Alarms, Engine Houses and their Telephone Connections, together with other interesting matter. Look for them and in the mean while keep your eyes on my Window Bargains.

N. F. PARKER,
Furniture and Furniture Novelties,
Bell 'Phone 613. 111 Market street. Inter-State 423.
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1 car Seed Potatoes.
EARLY ROSE, PEERLESS, HEBRON and BURBOUKS.

1 car Nails.

COFFEE, SUGAR AND MOLASSES,
AND A FULL LINE OF
Heavy Groceries.
For Sale at Close Prices.
S. P. McNAIR.
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There's nothing slow about the horses or vehicles sent out from
THE S. J. DAVIS LIVERY STABLES
Our equipment is thoroughly up to date. We can please those who want a horse and buggy for a quick business trip or those who want a carriage for pleasure, theatre or wedding.
Charges: Not nearly so high as they might be.
Stock fed and well cared for at reasonable prices. Particular attention is given to this branch of our business. Mules and Horses always on hand at lowest prices.
Both 'Phones No. 194. No. 108-210 Market street.
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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

We Have Been Very Busy—

For the past few weeks, not writing advertisements, BUT SELLING GOODS. We have so many good things that we haven't time nor space to tell you of them, but cordially invite you to call and see them. Always something new, and everything up to date, at LOWEST POSSIBLE CASH PRICES. We are still moving great numbers of Douglas and Duttenhoefer SHOES, but have new ones coming every week. We can always SUIT YOU IN STYLE, FIT AND PRICE.

MERCER & EVANS COMPANY.
Department Stores,
feb 10 tf 113 and 117 Princess street.

Vollers & Hashagen,
Grain Shippers and General Provision Dealers.
Get our prices on
Grain, Oats, Hay,
In car lots or less.
Our facilities are unsurpassed and we guarantee satisfaction.
We solicit your favors.
feb 3 tf

FURNISHINGS FURNISHED.

When you buy a Tie, or a Collar, or a pair of Cuffs, you want low prices, style, durability and comfort, don't you? Sometimes you get it and sometimes you don't. It depends on where you buy. Don't judge all stores by the place where you don't get what you want. Some store must offer better advantages than the others. The thing to do is to find that store. Start here. It may save you a journey.

VonGlahn & Gibson,
feb 10 tf No. 5 North Front street.

Why Pay $200 for a fine Bedroom Suit
WHEN YOU CAN GET JUST AS FINE A SUIT
For $150.00 from
E. M. ANDREWS,
The Furniture Dealer,
jan 25 tf 117 SOUTH FRONT STREET.

AN AUTOBIOGRAPHY

I am a box of "Lowney's," handsomely gotten up, situated in one of the best stores in the city, and while I am not the highest priced, yet I have not seen any that will compare with me at any price. The other day a gentleman called to see some Chocolates, and among some others shown him I was brought out. Well, you can bet this was a trying moment for me. Why, I just shivered at the thought of being taken away, but fortunately I was a round box and he wanted a half-pound box. Oh, it was a miraculous escape, for he admired me very much. Well, how could he help it under the circumstances, for I do think I am the handsomest one in town and outside of this I have other qualities which others do not possess. I cannot but feel proud under the circumstances, and my surroundings are the sweetest in the world, being associated and surrounded by so many other Chocolates and Bonbons of high quality. But I am boasting too much, for just this moment I am being taken out of the show case, and now I feel all tied up, and for just sixty cents; but I have one satisfaction, I'll be sweet maid's best companion while I last. There are others just like me at Plummer's 204 Princess street, who has the agency in this city for Lowney's Chocolates.
feb 10 tf

A WILLIAM GOAT IS A GOOD
Butter.
BUT THE BEST AND ONLY BEST IS THE "CLOVER HILL" BRAND FOX RIVER
Butter.
For reasons of my own, I am now selling this
Butter 30c lb.
Same price you pay for inferior goods, SEE?
30, 30, 30, 30, 30, 30, 30, 30, 30, 30, 30, 30, 30, 30, 30.
S. W. SANDERS,
jan 27 tf AT THE UNLUCKY CORNER.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that a majority of the Corporators of the Southport, Wilmington & Western Railroad Company, which was chartered pursuant to articles of association filed on the 2nd day of September, 1899, will apply to the General Assembly of North Carolina at the present session thereof to pass an act to repeal the charter of said company.

FREDERICK M. LEONARD,
jan 25 30d Attorney.

The Morning Star.

BY WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

SUNDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 10.

FACTORIES AS TOWN AND CITY BUILDERS.

The cities in the United States which have grown the most rapidly are the manufacturing cities, and the same might to be said of the cities of the world which have grown most rapidly, and had permanent growth. A city may grow and thrive as a trading center, as some do, or as a shipping point, as some do, but these will all be in time outgrown by the manufacturing city for the reason that manufactories draw people, who become permanently identified with the place, and these manufactories give the place something on which it can count for permanence. The more of them the more people they draw, and the more capital is drawn to them. We have an illustration of this not only in our own greatest cities, but a striking illustration in the growth of the principal cities in Germany, which has become a manufacturing country within the past three decades. In Germany the census is taken every five years. The last was taken last December. This shows the population of the leading cities then and the gain in that time, as follows:

	Population 1900.	Increase.	Per Cent.
Berlin	1,884 345	207 041	12 3
Hamburg	704,669	79 117	12 7
Munich	498,506	87,502	22 4
Leipsic	455 120	55 126	13 8
Breslau	422 415	49,247	13 2
Dresden	395,349	58 900	17 5
Cologne	370,693	49 121	15 2
Frankfort	287 810	58 534	25 5
Nuremberg	260 743	98,357	60 6
Hanover	234 986	24 451	12 1
Madgeburg	329 732	15,308	7.1
Dusseldorf	212 949	36,964	21 0
Stettin	200 688	69 264	49 2
Chemitz	205,585	48,567	28 3

Commenting upon the growth of the German cities the Chattanooga *Times* says:

"Berlin naturally leads all German cities in the increased number of its people, but its percentage of increase falls far below those of Nuremberg, Frankfort, Halle, Mannheim and Posen, all of which owe their rapid growth mainly to the development of manufacturing industries within their respective limits. Nuremberg increased at the rate of 60 per cent. in five years; Posen, at the rate of 58; Mannheim, at 43; Halle, at 34 per cent. The only decrease was in the population of Crefeld, which is attributable to the fact that it is a city of textile industries—silks, velvets, woolen and cotton goods—which were formerly largely exported to the United States, but which of late years have suffered from competition of similar goods that are now produced at home for the supply of the American markets."

"One hundred years ago, Berlin had 169,000 inhabitants; Hamburg, 100,000; Munich, 38,000; Leipzig, 32,000; Breslau, 40.000 and Dresden, 54,000. The first census taken under the empire, Dec 1, 1871, found Berlin with 825,389 inhabitants; so that its increase during the past thirty years has been 1,058,956, or considerably more than 100 per cent, and this does not include the population of Charlottenburg, Rixdorf, Friedenau, Wilmersdorf, Steglitz, Panckow, Schoenberg and Halensee, all of which surbanan cities are inhabited principally by people who do business exclusively in Berlin. Including these suburbs, Berlin would have a population of more than 2,500 000."

"Hamburg had, in the year 1871, 240,251 inhabitants; Breslau, 208,251; Dresden, 177,089; Munich, 169 478; Cologne, 129 233; Frankfort, 90 922; Nuremberg, 82,629; Mannheim, 39,614, and Kiel, 31,744. Charlottenberg, a suburb of Berlin, which properly belongs to the capital, had in 1871, 15,518; so that it has more than quadrupled in population during the past thirty years."

"It is only within the past few decades that the manufacturing industries of Germany have grown into the greatest importance and the empire has come be an enormous factory in the world's commerce and a serious competitor of England."

There isn't a city in this country which has grown much or given evidence of permanent growth and prosperity which is not a manufacturing city. There is not a city or town in North Carolina which has shown any notable growth which is not a manufacturing city or town. As showing the effect of one industry, cotton manufacturing we clip the following from the Charlotte *Observer*:

"There has been an increase in the population of all the counties in the State except ten, since 1890. In some instances the increase has been remarkably large, and it worth nothing that in each county that shows a marked increase, there has been a development of the cotton milling industry in the past ten years. Gaston, Cabarrus, Stanly, Durham, Mecklenburg, Guilford and Rutherford are notable instances. The power of cotton mills to build up communities is evidenced in a most convincing way by the census report. What the cotton mill has done for Albemarle may be taken as an instance. In 1890 that place had a population of only 248. This had increased in 1900 to 1,382. Concord, which is officially recorded as a city, increased in ten years from 4 339 to 7,910, and Greensboro from 3,317 to 10,035. Henrietta, not in existence in 1900, now has a population of 1,250. Gastonia sprang from 1,033 to 4,610; Graham from 991 to 2,052; Norwood from 159 to 663; Bessemer City from 0 to 1,100; China Grove from 174 to 887, etc These are only a few instances—the list could be considerably extended. A number of the smaller towns show losses, but there are no cotton mills near them."

Cotton factories have made Charlotte what she is, because they were the pioneers which brought after them other industries directly or indirectly connected with them and these drew others until that city has become a center of diversified industries, with cotton manufacturing in the lead. But in building up the city these industries have also done much to build up the country tributary to Charlotte and to enrich people who are in no way directly connected with them. They have not only added to the wealth of the city by increasing the value of real estate, but have also enhanced the value of farming lands in the country adjacent, so that factories are not only town and city builders, but also farm builders, if we may use that expression.

As an illustration in a different line from cotton manufacturing, High Point, in this State, is conspicuous. The writer of this article knew it when it was an unpretending and unattractive village, with a few streets, no factories, and nothing in it to attract attention save the natural lay of the land, which was rather pleasing to the eye. Now it has a population of 4,500, and thirty three factories of various kinds, among them several furniture factories, the first of which was started eleven years ago. It has two national banks, whose capital has been supplied by the men who operate the industries, and manage the banks as well as the factories. There is one factory of some description to every 140 of the population.

These factories all grew out of a spoke and handle factory started by Capt. W. H. Snow, a man from Vermont, who established the first spoke and handle factory in Greensboro and probably in the South in 1866, which he sold after a few years, and started another in Greensboro, which he sold after operating some time, and then about 1873 established one in High Point, which was really the beginning of manufacturing in that town. With the establishment of the furniture industry, in which he was interested, the town took position as a manufacturing town and has been adding to her industries ever since.

There is no excuse for idle people in that place, for there is work for all, and yet it depends for transportation on one railroad, thus not having half the advantages that many other towns in the State have. But all these factories show what people with business in them can do and the factories show what they can do in making towns prosperous. The goods made in these factories are shipped all over the United States.

THOSE PACIFIED ISLANDS.

The public has become so accustomed to the rose-colored reports sent out from the Philippines by the agents of the administration that very little attention is paid to them. The Philippine commission sent a report during the Presidential campaign in which it was stated that the rebellion was practically suppressed and that sixty days after the election of McKinley the United States flag would be flying over the islands in undisputed supremacy.

Not long ago it reported again that pacification was making good progress, that the bulk of the people were friendly to the United States, and that thousands were taking the oath of allegiance, the inference being that opposition to the United States had practically disappeared. But among the reports received about the same time with this report was one from Gen. MacArthur, in which he said:

"The progress of pacification, while apparent to me, is still very slow. The condition is very inflexible and is likely to become chronic."

The condition is "very inflexible and is likely to become chronic." Is there any rosy hue about that?

Gen. MacArthur is corroborated by an Associate Press dispatch published yesterday in which is stated that the concensus of opinion in Manila among civilians and military officers who are in a position to be familiar with the situation is that pacification is yet a long way off, so far that no one could venture an opinion as to when it will come.

Filipinos may take the oath of allegiance, and then at the first opportunity give aid and comfort to the "insurgents" or take up arms against the Americans. The fact, doubtless, is that thousands of them are playing the role of "Amigo" to be in a better position to help their friends. And thus it goes, and thus this miserable game of hypocrisy, deception and bungling drags on.

The Boers are following General Forrest's tactics, using horses to carry soldiers and then fighting the soldiers as infantry, a combination of cavalry and infantry, which Forrest proved to be a very good one, and Boers are emphasizing.

Richard Croker paid up his $5,000 income tax to those British taxers, because he did not want to let them into the secret where his money came from. Dick knows his own business.

Story of a Slave.

To be bound hand and foot for years by the chains of disease is the worst form of slavery. Geo. D. Williams, of Manchester, Mich., tells how such a slave was made free. He says: "My wife has been so helpless for five years that she could not turn over in bed alone. After using two bottles of Electric Bitters she is wonderfully improved and able to do her own work." This supreme remedy for female diseases quickly cures Nervousness, Sleeplessness, Melancholy, Headache, Backache, Fainting and Dizzy Spells. This miracle working medicine is a godsend to weak, sickly and run down people. Every bottle guaranteed. Only 50 cents. Sold by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist.

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Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher. The Kind You Have Always Bought

LOOTING IN CHINA.

The general impression is that the American soldiers in China behaved decently in the looting business as compared with the soldiers of other nations, but they looted all the same. A ship which arrived at San Francisco some time ago had on board a number of soldiers returning from China. We would never have known that those soldiers had done any looting if it had not been for the discovery by the Custom House officials of big stacks of loot, consisting of silks, satins, jewels, precious stones, &c., the duty upon which was away up into the thousands of dollars. The soldiers didn't have the money to pay the duty and consequently much of the stolen stuff was confiscated. But here is something from a soldier, published in the Worcester, Mass., *Spy*, telling how they played in the game of loot:

"If I could have taken care of and safely handled all the loot and plunder which I had and could have got, I would return to the United States a rich man, easily worth $25,000 to $30,000; but I couldn't do it, and had to get rid of what did fall into my hands as quickly as possible. I sold nearly $1,000 worth of loot. I had silver bullion galore, beautiful and costly furs of all kinds, silk in abundance and a great variety of precious stones and jewels, but I could not carry it, so I had to dispose of it as quickly as I could. I sold $1,500 worth of pure silver bar for $200 Mexican money, equal to $1,00 in gold I have often stated in my palmy days that I would like to have all the wealth I could carry, and here is a case of where I have it But it avails me nothing, as the poor enlisted man gets nothing out of the affair but hard tack, and with but one-fourth rations at that. Many of the officers have secured enough out of the affair to be wealthy for life, and the higher the rank the more loot they got. When you read in the papers of the American not looting, you can just wink the other eye and be wise. The Americans and the English were dead in the game, and the English got a trifle more than the Yanks, because they were a trifle smarter."

Probably the Britons got there first; but between them they are giving the heathen over there some striking lessons on the superiority of Christianity over Confucianism and other isms that the benighted yellow people believe in.

THE COLOR LINE ON THE OHIO.

The color line is not confined to the South now, but is drawn in some of the Western States even more stringently than it is in the South, for here we know how to discriminate in such matters, but they don't up there. In commenting upon the movement against the negroes in the towns along the Ohio river, which was started some time ago in Indiana, the Philadelphia *Telegraph*, a Republican paper, says:

"The river towns, noticeably in Indiana, are troubled by a floating colored population, drifting up and down stream during the boating season, but settling down to be taken care of by local charities and correction during the winter months. * * * The farther such a movement spreads the more oppressive it becomes, and there is evident danger that Indiana may presently be the scene of an anti-negro crusade comparable with the demonstrations of race hatred in the dark ages. There is, unquestionably, a strong feeling of hostility to the blacks among the less intelligent classes of the white population, and to stir up this sentiment by such an active agitation as that now prevailing in Indiana, is to risk an outbreak of animosity of the most savage character."

The *Telegraph* thinks it rough on the colored population, and it is, because they do not discriminate. There is not a town or locality in the South where the negro cannot live in peace and security, and be kindly treated, too, if he behaves himself, and yet the South has been much abused for regulating bad negroes and punishing the lawless. There is no doubt that many of the negroes who have flocked into these Ohio river towns are of a bad and dangerous character, whose absence would in every way be preferable to their presence; but whether or not, this is an object lesson that the people who have been scolding Southern communities for protecting themselves might study with profit.

The celluloid comb and a hot fire are a bad combination. A young woman at a church meeting in South Dakota recently sat with her back too near a hot stove, when the comb she wore ignited, set fire to her hair and would have caused a panic if some young man near by hadn't snatched out his carver and yanked off the blazing locks.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—— The only way for the administration to get around the solemn pledge of the United States to leave Cuba free, is to incite some disorder, as an excuse for prolonging the military occupation of the island. This is the way it was managed in the Philippines. — *Philadelphia Times, Dem.*

— John Brown was a "smasher," and Kansas has made a hero of him. Similarly, in voting a gold medal to Mrs. Nation the Kansas Temperance Union makes a heroine of her, and very intemperately puts a premium upon violence. There is too much sentimental tolerance of fanatics who take it upon themselves to run the world.—*Pniabelphia Record, Dem.*

—— We hear little about "Cuba libre" nowadays and much about the danger to commercial and other interests in allowing the Cubans to "run" the island on which they live. Indeed it is quite evident that the administration would much prefer never to see Cuba "libre" at all in any full and complete sense. The "Cuba libre" sentiment seems to have been used up almost as fast as the heroes of the Spanish-American war.—*Macon Telegraph, Dem.*

Dizziness

Is a very common consequence of indigestion and torpid liver. Sometimes there are spots before the eyes and hot flashes. At other times a sensation as of vertigo occurs, at once suffocating and blinding. It is a waste of time to attempt to cure this condition by ordinary means or medicines. The stomach and organs of digestion and nutrition must be restored to healthy activity, the blood must be purified, the liver cleansed and strengthened, before a cure can be hoped for. This is the work done by Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, a medicine especially beneficial in diseases of the stomach, blood and liver. It strengthens the stomach, purifies the blood, cleanses the clogged liver, and promotes the health of every organ of the body.

"My wife was greatly troubled with indigestion, torpid liver, dizziness, and also irregular periods," writes Mr. W. A. Preston, of Shuqualak, Noxubee Co., Miss. "We tried many different remedies, but none of them gave perfect relief until we were induced by a lady to try your 'Golden Medical Discovery,' 'Favorite Prescription,' and 'Pleasant Pellets.' These medicines did more good than anything we ever tried for those complaints. We have used four bottles of your 'Golden Medical Discovery,' one of 'Favorite Prescription,' and two vials of your 'Pellets.' These medicines have done the work we desired, and I do heartily recommend them to all similar sufferers."

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets assist the action of the "Discovery."

OPEN THE DOOR OF YOUR HEART

MOSES G. SHIRLEY.

Open the door of your heart my lad, say
To the angels of love and truth,
When the world is full of unnumbered joys
In the beautiful dawn of youth;
Casting aside all the things that mar,
Saying to wrong, depart
To the voices of hope that are calling you
Open the door of your heart.

Open the door of your heart, my lass,
To the things that shall abide,
To the holy thoughts that lift your soul
Like the stars at eventide;
All of the fadeless flowers that bloom
In the realms of song and heart
Are yours if you'll only give them room.
Open the door of your heart.

Open the door of your heart, my friend,
Heedless of class or creed,
When you hear the cry of a brother's voice,
The sob of a child in need;
To the shining heaven that o'er you bends
You need map or chart,
But only the love the Master gave.
Open the door of your heart.

—*Boston Transcript.*

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Oxford *Ledger*: The Oxford furniture company continues to turn out to the trade number one furniture, which is rapidly growing in popular favor. Several car loads are shipped out each week.

— Sanford *Express*: There has been quite an exodus of negroes from this county during the past three or four weeks to the States of Georgia, Florida and Alabama to work turpentine. This means fewer hands on the farms

— Goldsboro *Argus*: The proposed electric railway to Seven Springs grows in popular favor, and it is understood that a bill will be introduced at the present session of the Legislature granting a company charter rights to construct the road.

— Smithsfield *Herald*: The counties of Nash, Wilson and Wayne are all for a stock law and they are all for a stock law and they are desirous that Johnson county, North of Neuse river join them. —— During the past year the town authorities have had four deep wells bored here. The results have been so satisfactory that the city fathers have decided to have another bored in that section of the town adjacent to the colored Baptist church.

— Louisburg *Times*: Two of the convicts working on the roads in this township made a break to escape one day this week, and had gotten several hundred yards away before Davy Lee Kearney, the guard, could get a shot at them. Just as he fired, one of the convicts stumbled, but before he fell the bullet from Mr. Kearney's rifle struck the negro back of the head and made a pathway over the top of his scalp—taking off the hair and a little skin with it. It is needless to say that he had any trouble to capture him, as well as his partner after this exderience.

— Fayetteville *Observer*: While Mr. J. A. Burns was driving from his whiskey distillery to town this morning he was pounced upon by two special revenue officers. They found in the vehicle a four and a half gallon keg of whiskey, which they claimed was not properly stamped. They there upon seized the whiskey and the horse and buggy. Mr. Burns promptly replevined the property, and the matter will have to be settled in the Federal court. —— Some accommodating person, wishing to start a business it seems, within the last few days has broken open the government whiskey warehouse near Mrs. Lancashire's on Massey's Hill, where J. R. Yarboro recently operated a distillery, and stole therefrom three barrels of whiskey. Deputy Sutton visited the still Thursday to levy a distraint for taxes due and found the above state of affairs.

Prevented a Tragedy.

Timely information given Mrs. George Long, of New Straitsville, O., prevented a dreadful tragedy and saved two lives. A frighful cough had long kept her awake every night. She had tried many remedies and doctors, but steadily grew worse until urged to try Dr. King's New Discovery. One bottle wholly cured her, and she writes this marvellous medicine also cured Mr. Long of a severe attack of pneumonia. Such cures are positive proof of the matchless merit of this grand remedy for curing all Throat, Chest and Lung Troubles. Only 50 cents and $1. Every bottle guaranteed. Trial bottles 10 cents at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store. †

IN ALL STAGES of Nasal Catarrh there should be cleanliness. As experience proves, Ely's Cream Balm is a cleanser, soother and healer of the diseased membrane. It is not drying nor irritating, and does not produce sneezing. Price 50 cents at druggists, or it will be mailed by Ely Brothers, 56 Warren street, New York. Upon being placed into the nostrils, it spreads over the membrane and relief is immediate. It is an agreeable cure.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Services at Seamen's Bethel this afternoon at 3 o'clock conducted by Rev. J. E. Cole. The public invited.

Services in St. James on Sunday: Morning service and sermon 11 o'clock. Sunday school 3:45 o'clock. Evening prayer 5 o'clock.

Christian Science service at the Masonic Temple room, 10, this morning at 11:15 o'clock: Subject of Bible lesson, "Soul."

First Baptist Church Rev. Calvin S Blackwell, D. D. pastor, 11 A. M. "Paul's Master Motive," 7 30 P. M. "The Religion of Love and Courtship."

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Sixth and Market streets, Rev. A. G. Voigt pastor. German service to day at 11 A. M. English service, with sermon by G. H. Cox of Organ Church, N. C., at 7:20 P. M. The public is cordially invited.

St. Matthews English Lutheran church, North Fourth street, above Bladen street. Rev. H. Cox, pastor of Organ Church, Rowan county, N. C., will preach to-day. Morning service only at 11 o'clock, Sunday school at 9:45 A. M. All seats free and every person welcome.

SUNDAY SELECTIONS.

— Good living is worth more than plausible theories.

— When he that is rich in purse is "poor in spirit," the world is made better.

— I am trying to show you, not that the church is not sacred, but that the whole earth is —*John Ruskin.*

— Patience is the ballast of the soul, that will keep it from rolling and tumbling in the greatest storm.—*Bishop Hopkins.*

— Christ has lived and he asks living followers. He has died, a living sacrifice, and he asks the spirit of self sacrifice of you.

— All that human wisdom has ever been able to learn for itself is that God is, but it is only through Christ that we can know what He is.

— The blessing of Jesus upon the gift of a cup of cold water establishes the fact that everybody may be useful and happy in the church of the living God. No great deeds, but faithful and kindly deeds, count in the kingdom of heaven.

— If I see one fond of appearance, or fine clothes, fine houses, fine furniture, fine equipages, all above his fortune, for which he contracts debts * * * "Alas!" say I, "he has paid dear, very dear, for his whistle."—*Ben Franklin.*

WINKLINGS

— He (musingly)—"Let me see! What is the rest of that old saying, 'When in doubt——'" She (helpfully)—"Give her a diamond."—*Judge*

— "When a man admits a partner to his joys and sorrows," remarked the Overseer of Events and Things, "she's not a silent one."—*Yonker's Statesman.*

— Father—"Do you think I ought to have my daughter's voice cultivated?" Absent Minded Visitor—"I should think you ought to have something done for it."—*Tit-Bits.*

— The Owner—"See here! You want to handle that trunk more carefully! The Porter—"I'll look out for it, sir. I know a man let one fall on his toes last month, an' he ain't out of the hospital yet."—*Brooklyn Life.*

— "Oh, mamma, mayn't I go to the party the little girl next door is going to give?" "No, my dear, it would hardly be the thing, as you are wearing mourning." "Oh, dear me! I think I'd almost rather give up the mourning."—*Life.*

— Social Rivalry—"Has your wife much social ambition?" "Social ambition! When she read about Lady Curzon's elephant party in India she said if she knew where she could rent some whales, she'd give a whale party."—*Detroit Free Press.*

— Fuddy—"Did you hear of the terrible accident that happened to Danby? His injuries were so serious that his most intimate friends were unable to recognize him." Duddy—"Terrible accident! Railway collision! Fell off his bicycle?" Fuddy—"Worse; he has lost all his money."—*Tit Bits.*

— "What if I were one of those husbands, my dear, who get up cross in the morning and bang things about and kick everything over just because the coffee is cold?" "John," responded his wife, "I would make it hot for you." As her words admitted of more than one interpretation John said nothing about the coffee —*Boston Journal.*

— The superintendent of schools at Spokane, Wis., desirous of testing the powers of composition existing in a class of eight year-olds, requested that three sentences be written, each to contain one of the three words, "bees," "boys" and "bear." A small girl laboriously concocted the following sentence: "Boys bees bare when they go in swimming."

— Shame on Him: "Harry is so well posted on this South African war," said young Mrs. Kidder, "and he just loves to discuss it with me, because, he says, I have such an intelligent conception of it." "Is that so?" said her friend. "Yes, and last night he explained in detail how the Swiss navy, in command of Gen. De Billoty, was going to help the Boers."—*Philadelphia Press.*

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

W. & W. Railroad—71 bales cotton, 2 barrels tar.

W. C. & A. Railroad—231 bales cotton, 28 casks spirits turpentine, 49 barrels rosin, 43 barrels tar, 17 barrels crude turpentine.

A. & Y. Railroad—51 bales cotton, 8 casks spirits turpentine, 38 barrels rosin, 15 barrels tar.

C. C. Railroad—2 bales cotton, 18 barrels tar.

Steamer W. T. Daggett—1 bale cotton, 38 barrels tar.

Schooner Victor C.—58 barrels rosin.

Schooner Esther May—40 barrels crude turpentine.

Matthew's Raft—286 barrels rosin.

Autry's Raft—317 barrels rosin.

Total—Cotton, 386 bales; spirits turpentine, 31 casks; rosin, 748 barrels; tar, 116 barrels; crude turpentine, 57 barrels.

—— "Aunt" Hanna Rivers, the only negro ever allowed to live in Nashville, Ill., has moved away taking her permit with her. The way those northern pharisees love a nigger passes all understanding. —*Atlanta Journal, Dem.*

For LaGrippe and Influenza use CHENEY'S EXPECTORANT.

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A United States Senator's Letter.

UNITED STATES SENATOR McENERY, OF LOUISIANA.

Hon S. D. McEnery, United States Senator from Louisiana, says the following in regard to Pe-ru-na:

Pe-ru-na Drug Manufacturing Co., Columbus, Ohio:

Gentlemen—Pe-ru-na is an excellent tonic. I have used it sufficiently to say that I believe it to be all that you claim for it.

Very Respectfully, S. D. McEnery.

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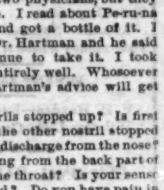

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COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

[Quoted officially at the closing by the Produce Exchange.]

STAR OFFICE, February 9.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Nothing doing.

ROSIN—Nothing doing.

TAR—Market steady at $1.15 per bbl of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE.—Market quiet at $1.30 per barrel for hard, $2.30 for dip, and —— for virgin.

Quotations same day last year.—Spirits turpentine firm at 54½@54c; rosin firm at $1 35@1.40; tar firm at $1 30; crude turpentine firm at $2.00@$3.25.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	31
Rosin	748
Tar	116
Crude turpentine	57

Receipts same day last year.—23 casks spirits turpentine, 292 bbls rosin, 280 bbls tar, 20 bbls crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market firm on a basis of 9 5 16c per pound for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	6¾ cts ₰ lb
Good ordinary	8¼ " "
Low middling	8¾ " "
Middling	9 5-16 " "
Good middling	9¾ " "

Same day last year middling firm at 7¾c.

Receipts—356 bales; same day last year, 812.

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COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS — North Carolina — Prime, 75c. Extra prime, 80c per bushel of 28 pounds; fancy, 86c, Virginia—Prime 55c; extra prime, 60c; fancy, 65c; Spanish, 80c.

CORN—Firm, 58 to 60 cents per bushel.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 13 to 15c per pound; shoulders, 8 to 10c; sides, 8 to 10c.

EGGS—Dull at 12 to 12½c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Firm. Grown, 12½@25c; springs, 10@17c.

TURKEYS—Live, dull at 8 to 8½c; dressed, 10 to 11c.

BEESWAX—Firm at 25c.

SWEET POTATOES—Firm at 60c.

FINANCIAL MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—Money on call was quoted nominal. Prime mercantile paper 3½@4 per cent. Sterling exchange nominal; actual business in bankers' bills at 487¾@487¾ for demand and 484½ for sixty days. Posted rates 485@485½ and 488¾@489. Commercial bills 483¾@484¼. Silver certificates 61@63. Bar silver 60½. Mexican dollars 47½. Government bonds steady. State bonds inactive. Railroad bonds irregular. U. S. refunding 2's reg'd, 105¼; U. S. refund'g 2's, coupon, 105¼; U.S. 3's, reg'd,—; U.S. 3's, reg'd, 110½; do. coupon, 110¼; U. S. 4's, new reg'd, 137¼; do. coupon, 137¼; U. S. 4's, old reg'd, 113½; do. coupon, 113¾; U. S. 5's, reg'd. 110½; do. coupon, 110½; Southern R'y 5's 116. Stocks: Baltimore & Ohio 91½; Chesapeake & Ohio 41; Manhattan L 118⅝; N. Y. Central 144½; Reading 33¾; do 1st pref'd 75½; St. Paul, 153½; do. pref'd, 190½; Southern Railway 23¾; pref'd 76¼; American Tobacco, 117⅞; do. pref'd 140; People's Gas 101¾; Sugar 140¼; do. pref'd 119; T. C. & Iron 64; U. S. Leather 14⅛; do. preferred 76⅝; Western Union 87. Standard Oil 818@820.

BALTIMORE, February 9.—Seaboard Air Line, common, 11¼@11⅜; do. preferred 27¼@28. Bonds—4's 70¾.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—Rosin quiet. Strained common to good $1 65. Spirits turpentine dull at 40@40½c.

CHARLESTON, Feb. 9.—Spirits turpentine steady at 36½c; sales — casks. Rosin firm and unchanged.

SAVANNAH, Feb. 9.—Spirits turpentine firm at 37c; sales 199 casks; receipts 216 casks; exports 1,345 casks. Rosin firm and unchanged; sales 199 barrels; receipts 3,363 barrels; exports 2,293 barrels.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—The cotton market opened quiet, with prices two points higher to one point lower, and while tolerably steady after the call was very quiet. Prices settled to last night's closing level and operations by the talent were devoted to quiet settlements as a matter of precaution over the Sunday adjournment and in anticipation of a narrow market Monday, in view of the holiday Tuesday. Port receipts for to day bid fair to reach less than 18,000 bales, against 23,821 last week and 28,726 bales a year ago. The Liverpool cables on the other hand, were disapointing, cloth departments in that market representing declines. Week end *Chronicle* figures showed a decrease in the American visible since last Saturday of 95,000 bales and in the world's visible of 47,000 bales. In the local market Europe and warehouses sold sparingly; shorts bought on all declines. The market for futures closed steady with prices net two points high er to seven points lower.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—Cotton dull; middling uplands 9¼c.

Cotton futures market closed steady: February 9.37, March 9.32, April 9 28, May 9.29, June 9.21, July 9.22, August 8 84, September 8.35, October 8 09, November 7.95, December 7.93.

Spot cotton closed dull; middling uplands 9¼c; middling gulf 10c; sales 36 bales.

Net receipts 905 bales; gross receipts 905 bales.

Total to-day—Net receipts 15,985 bales; stock 918,525 bales.

Consolidated—Net receipts 15,985 bales.

Total since September 1st.—Net receipts 5,491,416 bales; exports to Great Britain 2,049,573 bales; exports to France 489,614 bales; exports to the Continent 1,507,121 bales.

February 9.—Galveston, easy at 9¼c, net receipts 3,553 bales; Norfolk, steady at 9 7 16c, net receipts 528 bales; Baltimore, nominal at 9¼c, net receipts — bales; Boston, dull at 9¼c, net receipts 183 bales; Wilmington, firm at 9 5 16c, net receipts 356 bales; Philadelphia, dull at 10c, net receipts 250 bales; Savannah, steady at 9¾c, net receipts 2,981 bales; New Orleans, steady at 9 5 16c, net receipts 6,825 bales; Mobile, firm at 9¾c, net receipts 83 bales; Memphis, steady at 9¼c, net receipts 1,131 bales; Augusta, firm at 9¼c, net receipts 612 bales; Charleston, steady at 9¼c, net receipts 139 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, February 9.—Flour was neglected and nominally unchanged; winter patents $3 65@4 00; Minnesota $4 00@4 25. Wheat—Spot steady; No. 2 red 80½c f.o. b. afloat; options opened easy owing to lower cables, prospects for liberal world's shipments on Monday, ample snow protection West and large Northwest receipts. Later they rallied with corn. Closed steady at ½c net decline. Sales included: No. 2 red March closed 78¾c; May closed 79½c; July closed 79½c. Corn—Spot steady; No. 2 47c at elevator; options, after a steady opening, grew firm on higher cables, unexpectedly smaller receipts at Chicago and general covering. Closed firm and ½c net higher: May closed 44¼c; July closed 44c. Oats—Spot steady; No. 2 30½c; options steady with corn, but inactive. Lard steady; Western steam $7 80; refined steady; continent $7 95 South American $8 60; compound 5¾@5¾c. Pork quiet; family $15 00@15 50; short clear $14 75@16 50; mess $13 75@14 50. Butter steady; fresh creamery 16@26c; State dairy 17@20c. Eggs firm; State and Pennsylvania at mark 21½; Southern at mark 19@20¾. Potatoes quiet; Jersey $1 25@1 75; New York $1 50@1 75; Long Island $1 50@1 87½; Jersey sweets $1 75@2 50. Petroleum firm; refined New York $7 80; Philadelphia and Baltimore $7 75; do. in bulk $5 20. Tallow dull; city ($3 per package) 4¾@4¾c; country (packages free) 4¾@5½. Rice steady; domestic, fair to extra 5¾@6¼c. Molasses steady. Cheese firm; fancy large, fall made 11¼@11½; small fancy, fall made 11¾@12c. Cabbage quiet; Long Island, per 100, $3 00@4 00. Peanuts steady; fancy hand-picked 4¾@5c; other domestic, 5c. Cotton seed oil dull and about steady at former prices: Prime crude, in barrels, 27½c, nominal; prime summer yellow 30@30½c; off summer yellow 30½c; prime white 34@35c; prime winter yellow 35½@36; prime meal $25. Freights to Liverpool—Cotton by steam 15c. Coffee—Spot Rio steady; No. 7 invoice 7c; mild quiet; Cordova 9@12¾c. Sugar—Raw quiet; fair refining 3¾c; centrifugal, 96 test 4¼c; molasses sugar 3¾c; refined steady; standard A $5 30; confectioners' A $5 30; cut loaf $6 00; crushed $6 00; powdered $5 60; granulated $5 50; cubes $5 75. mould A $5 85.

CHICAGO, February 9.—Grain and provisions fluctuated within narrow limits to-day, governed largely by local conditions. Wheat closed unchanged; oats a shade lower and provisions 3½c improved.

CHICAGO, Feb. 9.—Cash quotations: Flour dull; winter patents $3 60@3 80; winter straights $3 20@3 55; winter clears $2 70@3 30; spring specials $4 20@4 30; do. patents $3 60@3 80, baker's $2 20@2 60; straights $3 10@3 40. Wheat—No. 3

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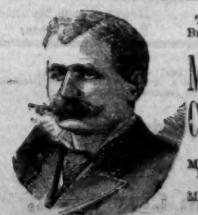

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HER MOTHER.

I cannot think of her as one of his
Exquisite angels, fair, and very wise
In all the many ways of perfect bliss,
Treading the flowered fields of paradise.

Nay, she is still the little child that knew
No thing beyond my arm's warm tenderness,
That spoke no word, my little child who drew
My love by very strength of helplessness.

Lord, when before the doorway of thy house,
A timid, newborn soul, I, trembling, stand,
Let her not come with glory on her brows,
A fair, strong angel, bearing thy command,

But let mine own, my child, look up at me
With the same eyes that need me, crave me, and
Draw me across thy threshold tenderly
With her own hand, her little, tender hand.
—Theodosia Pickering Garrison in Harper's Bazar.

BACKSLIDING OF MR. JACK SAYRE

Showing How a Burglar Escaped Being "Run In."

"So you've found me!"

The noon sun poured down a flood of golden light. It touched the emerald of the trees in the wide, sweet orchard with loving fingers. It glanced across the row of shining pails and pans on the kitchen stoop, where they glistened like burnished silver. It shone full on the startled face of a young man who stood under an apple tree a-foam with pink and white bloom. He stared straight at the man who stood like a rock before him—a strong limbed fellow, with cold eyes and keen, resolute face. The newcomer regarded him in turn with a steady, calculating glance. His right hand touched his hip pocket.

"So you've found me!"

"Yes," said the other, very quietly.

"Yes, and, Charley, I advise you not to make any row. You'd better come along without any fuss. It'll be better for you in the long run."

Charley took a step forward, lurched heavily like a drunken man, staggered back, leaned against the tree and put his hands to his face. The other watched him as a tiger might his prey.

Suddenly Charley withdrew his hands and asked, almost in a whisper, "Did you see any one at the house?"

Said the other: "Yes, there's a fine old man on the side porch reading a paper and a dear old lady shelling peas. I suppose, now, Charley, they're your father and mother."

"Yes," said Charley, with a groan. "You didn't—you couldn't have told them?" he questioned fiercely.

"No," replied the stranger. "I simply asked for you, and they told me I would find you in the orchard. I'd hate like a dog to tell 'em," he added after a pause.

"In the name of God," cried the young man desperately, "don't tell them—don't!" Breaking off, he choked back a sob and struck the trunk of the apple tree with his clinched fist.

"But they've got to know it some time," returned the other. "You'd better tell them yourself."

"I tell them?" cried Charley. "I tell—why, man, I might as well kill them at once."

"I know—I know," replied the other. "It's a bad deal all round. Let's see. I'll tell you what to do. We can't leave here before 6 o'clock. Now introduce me as your friend, come out to call on you in your old home and to tell you of a good thing for you, and say you've got to go back with me on account of this opening. Oh, any rot like that, and I'll stand for it. See?"

Charley held out his hand. "Sayre," he said huskily, "you're a good fel"— He could not finish the sentence.

"Brace up, brace up," replied Sayre, slapping him on the shoulder. "You'll need all your nerve now to get through the afternoon."

"Mother and father," said Charley ten minutes later, "I want to introduce a friend of mine, Mr. Jack Sayre. He has heard of a good job for me and has taken a lot of trouble to come out here to let me know."

"Want to know!" ejaculated Deacon Hobart as he extended his hand in greeting. "Waal, sir, now I am pleased to see ye. Ma, here, shake hands with Charley's friend."

"Ma" came through the kitchen door, a sweet little old lady, with snowy hair, pink cheeks and mild blue eyes. She was quite flustered at the sudden advent of so smartly dressed a visitor, but, giving him a timid bow, asked, as any good country housewife would, if Mr. Sayre had been to dinner.

No, Mr. Sayre had not dined.

"Waal, now," said the good deacon, "how fortunate that is. We was jest on the p'int of settin down. Come right in, Mr. Sayre, and make yourself to hum. Any friend of our Charley's is welcome to our home."

The deacon bowed his head, and his gentle voice rose in the blessing. He blessed the food and the drink and prayed earnestly for the stranger who sat with them to meat. "And grant, O most merciful Father, that we show to each other the mercy and long suffering that thou dost show to us. Amen."

Then came the smoke on the piazza and the deacon's kindly and interested questions, many of which were very hard to parry. But the climax of the wretched afternoon was reached when Mrs. Hobart, having finished tidying up, brought out her knitting and sat down to visit with Mr. Jack Sayre.

"I reckon you and Charley have known each other quite some time," she said gently, as she clicked her shining needles and beamed over her spectacles at the guest.

"Er—well—yes, ma'am," returned the unhappy man, trying to avoid those mild, unworldly eyes.

"Well, then, you've known one real good boy, Mr. Sayre," pursued the little old lady. "Our Charley hain't never given us one mite of trouble. When he went away to that air wicked Babylon, New York, I feared for him. I was afraid he might git tempted and sell off into sin. But a mother's prayers go a long ways, Mr. Sayre."

"Yes, ma'am, that's so, that's so," said Sayre, stealing a look at Charley out of the tail of his eye. The young man sat on the steps, rigid as a statue, his pale face resolutely turned toward the orchard.

"Is your mother living, Mr. Sayre?" pursued the gentle old lady as she deftly caught up a dropped stitch.

"No, ma'am," said Sayre, stooping to pick up a match that had fallen from his shaking fingers. "No, ma'am; she died when I was quite a little fellow."

"Poor boy!" said the dear, motherly old soul, and she gently patted his arm with one thin hand. "Waal, now, as you're such a friend of my boy's, and an orphan, I want you to always make this your home when you feel so disposed."

"Thank you, ma'am," said Mr. Jack Sayre, almost humbly.

"And you can't possibly stay with us now for a day or so?"

"Oh, no, ma'am. It's absolutely necessary we should go tonight."

"Waal, I hate to hev ye take our boy away. It's awful lonesome here without him. Pa and I are kind of old and poky, and Charley does liven up so when he comes home. I dunno how I could live if 'twan't for Charley." She glanced at the boyish figure affectionately. "He's the last one, Mr. Sayre, of a big family, and the baby too. Waal, God has been kind to spare me one fer my old age."

A silence fell. The afternoon shadows grew longer. The sweet breath of the apple blossoms was blown across the field. The birds chirped and chattered in the maples as they built their nests. It was a scene of rest and peace, but the cyclone that was ravaging the mind of Mr. Jack Sayre prevented him from enjoying himself to any great degree.

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He looked at his watch. "We'd better be going, Charley," he said. "It won't do to miss our train."

The boy rose and gave his hand unsteadily to his father. "Goodby, father," he murmured mechanically.

"When'll you be back, Charley?" questioned the old man.

"I can't say, father," was the low reply.

Charley turned to his mother. He could not speak. He did not lift his eyes to her face. She threw her arms about him and kissed him tenderly. "Hurry back to your old ma," she said cheerily.

The boy staggered and caught at the honeysuckle trellis for support. Fortunately his parents were so busy bidding Mr. Sayre farewell they did not notice the agitation of their son.

"Goodby, ma'am," faltered Mr. Jack Sayre, as, hat in hand, he stood on the steps before his hostess. "I've enjoyed the day. I—er—thank you—for your great kindness."

With a sweet maternal smile the old lady looked straight into the cold, keen, steely eyes. "Don't mention it," she said, and then, to the unutterable amazement and consternation of her visitor, she laid her hands on his broad shoulders and kissed him. "Poor boy," she said with divine sympathy; "poor, motherless boy."

Mr. Jack Sayre went red, then white, stammered, choked, turned on his heel and took his companion by the arm.

They stopped at the end of the lane and looked back. The old people were smiling and bowing and waving. "Come again!" shouted the deacon genially. "Both my boys," echoed a fine, quavering voice.

"Oh, God! Oh, God!" groaned Charley as the maples dropped their leafy curtain and shut out the beautiful, kindly scene.

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"Wake up!"

It was midnight. The lights were dim in the car. Their fellow passengers were in oblivion. Charley roused from a troubled sleep. Mr. Jack Sayre bent over him, his steel gray eyes shining like dagger points. "We are on the border," he whispered. "Get off at the next station and hump yourself. Here's money enough to take you to Montreal. Ship to the other side from here. I'll look after the old folks and tell them your job took you to the Klondike or Siberia or hell! Mind you, I'm not doing this for you, but for her." Again he stammered and choked. "And, for God's sake, pull yourself together and lead an honest life. If I ever hear of your doing a dirty deed again, so help me God I'll follow you to the ends of the earth and shoot you as I would a dog. Here we are. Git!"

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"I tracked the fellow to his old home in Vermont," ran the report of Mr. Jack Sayre, detective, to his chief in the case of Charley Hobart, wanted for burglary, "but he had given me the slip. You see, the place was not so far from the Canadian border. And he is a slick one!"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

He Was Armed.

In the days when highwaymen were more numerous and successful in Mexico than they are at present it was the common practice of the natives to travel unarmed and to submit tamely to robbery. With foreigners a different sentiment prevailed. The author of "Mexicans at Home" tells a good story of a German who traveled in that country.

This gentleman always carried arms, with every intention of using them rather than allow himself to be robbed. On one occasion when he was traveling by diligence in the interior, he being the only passenger armed, the coachman suddenly pulled up and announced that robbers were in sight.

The German prepared to defend the coach, but the other passengers begged him not to do so, as this might compromise them. Consequently when the robbers came up he jumped out and, going to the side of the road, called out that they were quite welcome to rob all the other passengers, but that they would please first take down his portmanteau and place it beside him. This they did, and when they had robbed the others he ordered that his portmanteau should be replaced, which was done. He then took his seat in the coach, and the journey was resumed.

Tilden Began It.

The election of 1888 was the first national election in which the distribution of what is known as "campaign literature" played a part of the first importance. Before that the greatest attention had been paid to the work of campaign orators and to the distribution of money in doubtful states, through state committees, to perfect organization and bring voters to the polls. When Samuel J. Tilden ran for president in 1870, his "literary bureau" was a subject of ridicule among the older politicians, who looked upon it as a new and quixotic scheme. But the literary bureau has now become the most important adjunct of every national committee.—Ainslee's Magazine.

Making an Egg.

"Grandpa, does hens make their own eggs?"

"Yes, indeed they do, Johnny."

"An do they always put the yolk in the middle?"

"They do, Johnny."

"An do they put the white stuff round it to keep the yeller from rubbing off?"

"Quite likely, my little boy."

"An who sews the cover on?"

This stumped the old gentleman, and he barricaded Johnny's mouth with a large lollypop.—London Answers.

Kate Masterson's First Poem.

Kate Masterson, the poet and humorist, thus describes the beginning of her literary career:

"I was at school in Brooklyn when I first sent a poem to Judge, signing it Kittie K. It was accepted and published with an illustration, and my cup of joy was brimming. When I got a check for $2, I effervesced. I then sent some verses to Puck, which was then edited by H. C. Bunner. They were also signed Kittie K., but were written from a masculine point of view, and, as I wrote a very gentlemanly hand, Bunner evidently came to the conclusion that I was a boy. He sent me some very funny letters, and I replied, keeping up the idea that I was a very fresh, slangy boy. He accepted the verses, 'She Stood on the Stair,' and they were published in a Christmas number with a picture. As this was only the second poem I had sold in my life, you can imagine how wildly anxious I was to have it appear. I bothered Bunner with inquiries, for of course that was the only poem on earth to me just then. I recollect finally writing him, 'Do you think my poem will be published during my lifetime?'

"He wrote me, 'My dear boy, I cannot say if your poem will be published during your lifetime, as I do not know when you are going to die.'"—Saturday Evening Post.

Base Apathy.

"Say, Thompson, did you ever notice that I was brutally indifferent to my children?"

"Certainly not. You're quite the contrary, Holmes."

"Well, do I look like a miscreant who would be only too glad to abandon them to the mercy of strangers?"

"Of course not. Whatever put such an idea into your head?"

"Or have I the reputation of being so selfish that I would not disturb or exert myself in the slightest to secure their safety from the most desperate danger?"

"No, indeed. Who's been accusing you of such things?"

"My wife."

"Your wife? Why?"

"Why, little Johnny got himself lost for a couple of hours the other day, and all I did was to notify the police, hire every private detective in town and rouse all the neighbors to help hunt for him."

"Wasn't that enough?"

"No. She insists that I am a brutal, selfish miscreant and several other things because I refused to do all she wanted me to."

"Why, what more was possible?"

"Make the governor order out the militia to help hunt."—Harper's Bazar.

A Russian Superstition.

Russian girls try to ascertain their prospects of matrimony in the following manner: A number of them take off their rings and conceal them in a basket of corn. A hen is then brought in and invited to partake of the corn. The owner of the first ring uncovered will be the first to be married.

THE SPORTING WORLD.

Francis Gordon Brown, the captain of Yale's varsity football team, is one of the best guards ever seen at New Haven. He was the unanimous choice of the players as their leader when the

CAPTAIN FRANCIS GORDON BROWN.

election was held at the end of last season.

Captain Brown has gathered around him the strongest corps of coaches and advisers ever seen on a Yale gridiron, at the head of whom is Walter Camp. The candidates for the team are a very likely lot, and Yale's chances of regaining her lost laurels are very promising.

Fighters Going to England.

It appears that most of the crack American fighters are to make an invasion of England. The success of George Gardner in his recent meeting with Frank Craig there has induced many of his colleagues with the idea that the mother country is a fitting place to make money. There are at present some five or six American pugilists in England, and it is reported they have been progressing very nicely. Charley McKeever is on the other side of the pond, and only a few weeks ago he wrote an encouraging letter to one of his pugilistic followers in the Quaker City. The epistle was shown to a number of other fighters, with the result that many of them are preparing to make a trip to Queen Victoria's country. Among those who have decided to visit England are Tim Callahan, "Spider" Kelly of California, Dal Hawkins of the same place, Jimmy Handler of Newark and Sammy Kelly of New York.

Callahan is more ambitious than any of his companions. When he reaches the other side, it is his intention to issue a challenge to Ben Jordan and Pedlar Palmer. He is, however, more anxious to meet Palmer than the former, but it is not thought that Palmer will consent to go on with him. Shortly after his arrival in England, after being defeated by Terry McGovern, Palmer stated that he would retire from the ring. He has only engaged in one fight since, and his determination to quit the game for good is now stronger than ever. Callahan is hopeful that Palmer will change his mind, as he firmly believes that he can dispose of the Englishman inside of ten rounds.

Will Lipton Challenge?

It is still uncertain whether Sir Thomas Lipton will challenge for the America's cup, races to be sailed in the fall of 1901. Some weeks are still left before the expiration of the ten months' notice limit, but a select coterie on the other side have given intimations that Sir Thomas is making preparations for the construction of a new boat, which in all probability will be named Shamrock, for he has said often that, should he challenge again and build a new boat for his second attempt, it would bear the same name as the craft which he made so conspicuous a year ago in these waters. Even at Bristol, on this side of the Atlantic, there is a feeling that the famous shop there will within a few months have the building of a new cup defender under way. C. Oliver Iselin is still abroad, but it is known that he is yet very much interested in the future of the America's cup. Mr. Iselin is expected in this country in several weeks.

Great Pigeon Race.

Homing pigeon fanciers are taking much interest in the race from Hagerstown, Md., on Wednesday, Oct. 17, which promises to be one of the greatest events of the kind ever held in this country. Birds have already been entered from New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington, and it is expected that nearly 10,000 birds will compete in the races.

The liberation will take place in the center of the fair grounds. The Gotham birds, which have the longest distance, will be set free first, then those from Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington. A beautiful medal of honor will be awarded the winner of first prize in each city and also diplomas to second and third. Birds will be handled and governed by the rules of the four cities. The fair association is doing much for the success of the affair.

Take Your Choice.

Some discussion has arisen in London as to the proper way of pronouncing the historic Huguenot name Bosanquet. At a recent meeting of lawyers a slip was passed around for suggestions. One clever little man wrote at once:

Take a B, two O's and K;
Sealed—you have your Bosanquet.

Another, a sporting man, wrote:

Lively only at a banquet
Is the barrister Bosanquet.

Sir Frank Lockwood, who had a turn at the sheet, wrote:

You will get no hanky panky
From the barrister Bosanquet.

The bearer of the name must be in a good deal of doubt how to call himself.

An Incentive to Marriage.

The proposition that "no man is a hero to his landlady," though cynical, has this to be said for it, that it is a direct incentive to matrimony.—New York Sun.

Two Opinions.

Curiously enough, both these advertisements appeared in a daily paper on the same day:

Lost.—A lady's purse, seal brown in color, inlaid gold ornamentation, gold clasp, gold and enamel medallion on side, with initials A. H. H. Finder can keep contents and will receive additional reward by returning purse to Mrs. A. H. H.

Found.—A lady's purse, brown, with brass trimmings, initials A. H. H. Contents, one tram ticket, two pennies, nineteen samples of material, recipe for making furniture polish, list of toilet preparations, five corn plasters and a box of lip salve. Owner can have the same by applying to B., W. street.—London Answers.

HUMOR

ARIZONA KICKLETS.

Lively Items of News From a Very Lively Center.

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Monday afternoon last Major Williamson made a wager of $50 even up with Judge Singletree that he could shoot a cigar out of the mouth of a drummer from Chicago without hurt to the smoker. The major made a mess of it and raked the drummer's chin, and we understand that he had to come down with $250 to settle the case. With all his conceit the major is only a second rate marksman, and he'd better confine himself to billboards and barn doors.

What this town needs above anything else is a first class dentist, and we will cheerfully correspond with any one looking for a good opening. In fact, we have been writing here and there for the last year, but as soon as we explain to a dentist that his victim will begin shooting as soon as the tooth is out, and that he must get the drop on him, they lose all interest and drop the correspondence. There is some risk, as we all know, but there is a cartload of teeth waiting to be pulled or plugged, and a dentist with sand could make barrels of money. For $2 per day he could hire a man to shoot for him.

We occasionally permit some stranger with a good opinion of himself to run us out of our sanctum at The Kicker office or take possession of the mayor's room in the city hall. As postmaster we represent the government, and the government wants to know all about it before it comes down off the perch. A man named Harkins, who is a stranger to this locality, tried to get possession of the postoffice the day before yesterday, and we were obliged to bore a bullet into his leg. We could have bored it into his head or body as well, but he didn't appear to be a vicious man. The leg answered all purposes, and he sends us word from the hospital that he will make no mistakes in future.

Our esteemed contemporary is out with an article this week describing the adventures of its editor with an unknown and would be assassin on our streets. He tells how he was about to be shot down when he fired and wounded the stranger and drove him off. We are the unknown and would be. At midnight Wednesday night we met our esteemed as we were going home from a soiree and he was going home from a poker room, and just for fun we yelled at him. He jumped six feet and struck a run, and every billboard in his path had to go down. There was no shooting, and we didn't even gobble the hat he left behind. The idea that any one should want to take his life makes us laugh.

M. QUAD.

News and Notes.

A great shortage of hay in the west and a generally light crop is the prevailing report.

The average weight per fleece this year is reported as 6.17 pounds, as compared with 5.95 pounds in 1899 and 5.80 pounds in 1898.

A Minnesota man has invented a potato digger which, it is claimed, digs the potatoes as clean as if picked out by hand, sorts them into marketable and small potatoes and delivers them into small sacks. It is a combination of a shovel or plow, an endless chain carrier and a hopper.

For small areas in Nebraska water is pumped from wells into tanks or earth reservoirs made above ground by windmills, which are generally made by the farmers themselves at very little cost.

In making silage it is important to have as much dry matter in it as possible without injuring the character of the feed. Some years ago it was the practice to cut the corn plant when somewhat less mature than is now considered the proper state for silage, so that it probably contained more water than the average corn plant does now.

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Train on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 9.30 A. M., 2.50 P. M.; arrives Nashville 10.30 A. M., 4.00 P. M. Spring Hope 11.00 A. M., 4.25 P. M. Returning, leaves Spring Hope 11.30 A. M., 4.55 P. M., Nashville 11.48 A. M., 5.35 P. M. arrives at Rocky Mount 12.10

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WILMINGTON, N. C.

SUNDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 10.

THE SITUATION IN CUBA.

Scarcely Possible for the United States Government to Withdraw from the Island Before Next Fall.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—It is now apparent to the officials of the administration that it will scarcely be possible for the United States to withdraw entirely from the government of Cuba under the most favorable circumstances before next Fall at the earliest. This is conceding the possibility that the Cuban convention may adopt a constitution entirely acceptable to this government on or before the 1st of April next. It is recognized on all sides that it will require several months after the adoption of the constitution to complete the organization of the Cuban government and have it in successful operation. All the national officers must be chosen, laws enacted for the collection of the revenues, and the establishment of a stable government, a police force or constabulary organized to take the place of the United States military force for the preservation of peace and the maintenance of order, and the municipal governments organized. In this country at least three months' notice is given of a general election and it is argued that, owing to the conditions in Cuba, where all the preliminary electoral machinery has yet to be prepared, it will naturally take more time to prepare for the election of the president and other national officers, after which the administrative officers must be appointed and the necessary laws enacted before the government can be properly established. At any rate such is the view of the officers of the administration as stated to-day by a prominent member of the cabinet, who is thoroughly familiar with the situation. This gentleman also said that when the Cuban government is in successful operation the United States troops will be withdrawn from the island. Such withdrawal, he said, would be made when the Cuban government requested it, and when it was clearly apparent that the government was fully capable of maintaining peace and good order, there undoubtedly would be a common understanding on the subject.

JEFFRIES-RUHLIN CONTEST.

Prospects for the Fight Are Rather Gloomy—The Situation at Cincinnati Complicated.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CINCINNATI, O., February 9.—The situation is more complicated than ever to-night regarding the contests here next Friday night, between Martin and Childs and Jeffries and Ruhlin. It was thought that arguments would be completed to night, before Judge Hollister on the application for a permanent injunction against the proposed contest. The attorneys, however, insisted on so much time for arguments that another day will be spent in hearing them and the case will not be finally submitted to Judge Hollister until Monday evening. It is hardly possible that Judge Hollister will then be ready to render his decision on Tuesday morning, and if he shall hold it back until Wednesday or Thursday morning there will be very little time for the proposed appeal to the higher courts. Meantime, there are all sorts of rumors about other proceedings, including action against Madden and Brady for perjury, and especially against the former.

"THE COUNCILLOR'S WIFE."

Eric Hope, Earl of Yarmouth, Will Be Seen in One of Jerome K. Jerome's Comedy Successes.

Eric Hope (Earl of Yarmouth), who will be seen here on next Thursday, 14th inst., in Jerome K. Jerome's comedy, "The Councillor's Wife," made his initial appearance in America last Winter with Charles Frohman's Stock Company. Clement Scott, said to be one of the greatest living critics, in referring to Mr. Hope's appearance on that occasion, in the New York *Herald* said: "It strikes me that Eric Hope has one of the most brilliant futures before him in his stage career imaginable. He has youth, is well-looking, faultlessly dressed, easy in his manner, unstagey in his methods, with a good, clear resonant voice, able to pronounce every word distinctly, which so few English actors can do nowadays, and a face full of expression. If people expect to see Eric Hope as the mere dude of farcical comedy they will be mistaken. He is too earnest and too intelligent for that. He has made a good start; he has been well received on his merits and if he is really anxious for a stage career it will be his own fault if he does not win out."

The sale of seats begins Wednesday morning at Gerken's.

THE VANDERBILT HEIRS

Served With Notices Calling for Payment of the Inheritance Tax.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—Heirs of Cornelius Vanderbilt have been served with notices calling upon them to pay into the State treasury the amount of their inheritance tax. The total tax on the personal estate of the millionaire, agreed upon between representatives of the State comptroller, Surrogate Fitzgerald and attorneys for the Vanderbilts, amounts to $334,960. This is exclusive of the residuary estate, about the paying of which a contest is threatened. The surrogate has decided in favor of the attorneys for the estate and excluded the residuary estate from present taxation.

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Visited Four Saloons But Did No Damage—Says She Left Her Hatchet at Topeka—Greeted by Enormous Crowds on Her Journey.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

DES MOINES, IOWA, February 9—Mrs Nation's tour through the Western part of the State to-day took on a new feature and was in the sense of a triumphal journey for the little Kansas saloon smasher. She made a dozen addresses from the platform of a Rock Island passenger train in the towns she passed through, to come to Des Moines to deliver a lecture.

In the afternoon she visited four saloons, doing no damage, but drawing such a big crowd on the street that the police were compelled to stop the crusade.

In the evening she addressed 2 000 people in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium.

The journey from Council Bluff to Atlantic was made quietly, the hour being too early for many people to see the crusader. At Atlantic the first visitors swarmed on the train and as Mrs Nation saw them coming down the aisle, she cried out jubilantly: "Hello, boys; glad to see you; shake hands; God bless the boys and the young men; I tell you, I just love you all."

Large crowds were at the stations at Dexter and Earlham, while Desoto and Booneville turned out respectably well, considering the size of the towns. Mrs Nation did not show any symptoms of fatigue, but continued as effervescent and jubilant as ever.

At Valley Junction fully 200 laboring men were present, many of them railroad men employed in the Rock Island shops. There Mrs. Nation shook hands with everybody within reach, especially the small boys, and then singled out a red nosed countenanced man as her victim. "There's a man that needs a saloon smasher all right. I can tell him by his looks. Come up here, my friend, and shake hands with Carrie Nation; don't be afraid."

The crowd roared but the man simply reddened in the face and refused to budge.

"You are one of the smashed," cried Mrs. Nation. "I guess I'll have to go out there after you."

The crowd gave way but Mrs. Nation laughed and the man sulked.

"We've got a couple of joints here in town," another man said.

"Smash 'em, smash 'em," cried Mrs. Nation.

Turning to those nearest to her, she called:

"Fill your pockets with rocks and smash the hell joints. Don't be afraid. God will take care of you."

Then the train started to pull out on the stage of its journey to Des Moines, Mrs. Nation called out as benediction: "Its just like this trip; we're only passing through the world and making brief stops, but see to it that we all meet again in Heaven."

At Des Moines there was fully 5,000 people cheering and yelling at the depot when the train pulled in. As Mrs. Nation walked out of the car and got a glimpse of the vast throng she broke loose in childish glee, saying: "Just! Just look at it; just look at the dear; God bless every one."

After half an hour's work on the part of the police a way was made through the crowds for Mrs. Nation to reach a carriage that had been provided. Once inside the carriage the clamor for a shake of her hand was too great and the saloon smasher stepped out of the carriage and clinging to the swinging door with one hand frantically grasped the outstretched hands and arms with the other and wrung them sincerely, crying all the while: "God bless you." Here's a saloon-smasher. God bless you."

After the reception, which lasted fully fifteen minutes, the crowd was forced back and the carriage moved up to the only prominent hotel in the city without a bar. Here Mrs. Nation received many hundreds, shaking hands and giving all her blessing. By this time the enthusiasm had been worked up to a high pitch and Mrs. Nation was urged to make a tour of the saloons. This she agreed to do, and at 3.30 o'clock, accompanied by two city detectives, detailed by the chief of police, called upon four saloon keepers in their places of business. She was followed by an enormous crowd. When the bar room at Wood's hotel was reached, the chief of police held a hasty consultation with his lieutenants and concluded to stop the trip, which was accomplished without objection on the part of Mrs. Nation.

In Des Moines 5,000 people were at the depot. Delegations from the local W. C. T. U. and the State Anti-Saloon League were there in numbers, for the declared purpose of securing Mrs. Nation's services in smashing certain drug stores. Mrs. Nation declared that she left her hatchet at Topeka. "It may be," she added, "that I will not do any smashing in Des Moines, but there is no certainty of that. I do just what God calls on me to do. I shall remain in Des Moines over Sunday. I shall certainly visit the saloons during the day, peacefully, I hope, but if the threats of the keepers of these places to kill me are put into effect, then I am ready to die in Des Moines."

At Casey, Iowa, there were calls for a speech. Mrs. Nation said: "My dear sisters and brothers: I hope that you each will take a rock and throw it through the window of any saloon you may find in your town. This crusade has only started and with proper push it will be a grand success. I hope to meet you in Heaven. Now be good and crush the saloon."

At Anita, Dexter, Earlham and Nalley Junction, she repeated these sentiments.

When Mrs. Nation's attention was called to a statement by the mayor of Chicago, Mrs. Nation said: "Mayor Harrison would better mind his own business. My present plan is not to smash any more saloons, but to continue the crusade and arouse sentiment for the temperance cause. I shall call upon Mayor Harrison and give him a few pointers, how he betrays the oath he took when he went into office. I think he is the biggest devil in the land."

After a conference with local temperance workers, Mrs. Nation agreed to start at 3:30 p. m., on a tour of the saloons. She was accompanied by twelve women, but declared there should be no smashing. A squad of police accompanied the party.

During the afternoon Mrs. Nation received a telegram from a well-known brewing company offering her $500 a month to go on the road and advertise her beer. She replied: "If it is pleasure that I shall advertise your business with the hatchet, which is my usual way, I am at your service. I promise that every one shall hear of your beer."

Mrs. Nation lectured to a large audience to-night. She will also speak here to-morrow night. On Monday she starts for Chicago, stopping on her way at Muscatine.

LARGE FIRE IN PITTSBURG.

Armstrong Brothers' Cork Factory and Other Building Destroyed--The Loss Nearly $500,000--Fully Insured.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

PITTSBURG, PA., Feb. 9—The five story brick building at 23rd street and Allegheny Valley railroad, occupied by the Armstrong Brothers, cork factory, was completely destroyed by fire to-day together with the foundry and machine shop of the Totten Hogg Iron and Steel Foundry Company on 24th street adjoining the Armstrongs. The loss will reach almost $500,000, with insurance covering the amount fully. The conflagration was one of the most spectacular seen in Pittsburg for a long time. The flames from the main building of the Armstrong factory, where the fire originated, spread with astonishing rapidity and five alarms were sounded in quick succession, calling all the engines in the lower city to the scene. Great excitement prevailed because the employes of the cork factory, number 1500, were all at work and it was feared that many of the girls and boys in the building would not be able to escape. Fortunately, the several escapes and the firemen's ladders provided ample means for the safety of all. In spite of the firemen's good work the flames jumped across the street, ate their way into the Totten & Hogg foundry and laid waste the foundry and machine shops before they could be checked.

The Armstrong cork factory was the largest plant of the kind in the country and the company has offices in most of the principal cities. All of the valuable machinery was destroyed but the books and papers in the offices were saved.

ATTACKED BY HIGHWAYMAN.

The Robber Got Away With a Satchel Containing $1,100, But Was Caught and the Money Recovered.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., Feb. 9.—Shortly after leaving the Ninth National Bank to-day with a satchel containing $1,100 with which he intended to pay his employes their weekly wages, Peter Woll, senior member of Peter Woll & Sons, curled hair manufacturers, was attacked by a highwayman. The robber at first got away with the money but was compelled to drop it by a by stander.

Mr. Woll was followed from the bank by the man, who finally stopped him at the corner of Norris and Howard streets. The highwayman said: "Better give me that money."

"No, I need it," replied Mr. Woll, who at first thought the man was joking.

At that the highwayman sprang up on Woll, who is 70 years old, knocked him down and ran off with the satchel.

A brick layer at work near by witnessed the assault and captured the highwayman, who in the struggle, dropped the money, which was promptly recovered by Mr. Woll. He then made his escape, but was again pursued by a policeman who had been attracted to the scene by Mr. Woll's calls for help. After a chase of two blocks the policeman caught the footpad. He gave his name as Joseph Edwards and said he had attempted the robbery to get sent to the house of correction for the Winter. Mr. Woll was not seriously injured.

THREE MEN WERE SHOT.

Postmaster's Fight With Four Masked Men Who Attempted to Rob the Office at Emma, N. C.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., Feb. 9.—Four masked men attempted to rob the postoffice and store at Emma, the first station out from Asheville on the Southern railway, last night, with the result that two white men and one negro are dangerously shot and one white man and a negro escaped injury.

About 10 o'clock Samuel Alexander, assistant postmaster and clerk at Emma was aroused by a knock and a request to get some one's mail. On opening the door Alexander was covered by a pistol and ordered to unlock the safe which he did. One of the robbers held the pistol on Alexander while the other began to loot the safe. Alexander at an opportune moment grabbed the pistol of the robber while the latter was going through the safe, and began firing. At the same time the other robber opened fire on him. Two of the robbers were badly wounded, one possibly fatally, and Alexander has an ugly wound in the side of the abdomen and back. The police were notified and this morning all the robbers were safe in jail. Two of the robbers were white and two negroes. The white men are Russ Gate and Dudley Johnson. The latter is supposed to be a man wanted in Florida for murder. The negroes are Ben Foster and Harry Miller, ex convicts and well known to the local police.

BELLEVUE HOSPITAL.

More Nurses Discharged for Carelessness and Unfitness.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, February 9.—There was somewhat of a sensation at Bellevue Hospital this evening when it became known that Commissioner Keller had discharged day nurses Trevor and Blakeley and night nurses Gorden, Berger and McKee, who were on duty in the insane pavilion. The charges against the nurses are carelessness and unfitness. The men have been on duty in the insane pavilion since the dismissal of the three nurses who are to be tried for the death of Hillard in the institution several weeks ago. The nurses were dismissed on the recommendation of Dr. Schultz, who has charge of the insane pavilion. On February 4th, Alfred Jaeger was seized with religious mania, was taken to Bellevue hospital and placed in the insane pavilion. Last Wednesday morning Jaeger, the door of his room having been left open by the night nurses, was found at the end of the corridor lying against a steam radiator. He was unconscious and was burned badly about the face and head. The dismissal of the night nurses is the result of an investigation of this case.

At St. Paul's Episcopal Church, today: Morning prayer and sermon, 11 o'clock; evening prayer and sermon, 7.45; Rev. Edgar Carpenter officiating. Sunday school, 3.30 P. M. Seats free. Strangers invited.

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APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE NAVY.

Senator Butler Precipitated Discussion of the Armor Plate Question.

A SENSATION IN THE HOUSE.

Representative Brown, Republican, from Ohio, Condemned McKinley's Colonial Policy—Urged Congress to Give Filipinos Independence.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—During almost the entire session of to-day the Senate had under consideration the Naval Appropriation bill. Practically the bill was completed when it was laid aside for the day, all of the committee amendments being adopted; but as the measure was about to be placed on its passage, Senator Butler, North Carolina, precipitated a discussion of the armor plate question. In order to enable some others to speak upon the matter, the bill was laid aside until Monday. Eulogies upon the late Representative Alfred C Harmer, of Pennsylvania, concluded the session.

The passage at the beginning of the session of the Senate of a bill granting a pension of $50 a month to Stacy H. Cogswell, Company F, 13th Indiana Volunteer Infantry, induced Senator Tillman, South Carolina, to make some forcible comments upon the House in not taking action upon a bill providing a pension for a Mexican war veteran who had resided in South Carolina during the civil war and naturally had been in sympathy with the Confederacy. The bill had been passed by the Senate but the House invalid pension committee was delaying final action upon it, Senator Till man urged. He said there was such sensational animosity in the House committee that members refused to permit action upon the bill for the benefit of this old Mexican veteran. "Is the war over or is it not?" demanded Senator Tillman, with vehemence. "Let us find out whether it is or not."

"I swear by the Almighty God, that I will not let another pension bill pass this Senate until this old man gets justice!"

The resolution offered yesterday by Senator Berry calling upon the President for information as to whether the American minister in China has joined with the representatives of other powers in demanding the execution of Prince Tuan and other Chinese officials, was adopted without debate.

While the Naval bill was under consideration Senator Butler, called attention to the paragraph in the bill appropriating $4,000,000 to pay for armor plate already contracted for. If the bill has provided the entire sum necessary to pay for armor contracted for, it would carry for that purpose he said $16 564,550. He declared the Senate absolutely was precluded from considering the matter now because Congress has authorized the Secretary of the Navy to pay for armor whatever the armor trust could hold him up to. In the course of his speech, in which he reviewed the old armor question, Senator Butler declared that by the present arrangement the Government was making a clear donation of $5,000,000 to the armor trust.

At the conclusion of Senator Butler's speech the Naval bill was laid aside.

House of Representatives.

The consideration of the Diplomatic and Consular Appropriation bill in the House to day developed something of a sensation when Representative Brown, of Ohio, standing in the centre of the Republican side of the chamber, made a speech strongly condemning a colonial policy and urging that Congress should at once give assurance to the Filipinos that it is the purpose of the United States to give them independence. His announcement that he advocated a resolution to that effect was loudly applauded on the Democratic side, and at the close of his speech many of his Republican associates crowded about him and congratulated him.

Representatives Meyers, Indiana, and Dinsmore, Arkansas, also spoke on the Philippines.

The consideration of the Diplomatic and Consular bill went over at 2 o'clock and the rest of the day was given to eulogies of the late Representatives Daly of New Jersey and Wise of Virginia.

Hazing at West Point.

The report of the special congressional committee which investigated the hazing of cadet Booz and the general subject of hazing at West Point, was submitted to the House by the chairman of the committee, Representative Dick, together with a bill making stringent regulations against hazing, fighting, and all brutal practices. The report is an exhaustive review of the practice of hazing in all its forms, and while moderate in tone is nevertheless a stinging arraignment of the many alleged brutal practices enumerated in it. The report says that such fighting as that at West Point is a felony according to the statutes in many of the States, and the time has come when Congress must decide whether fights, which are high crimes elsewhere, shall continue at West Point. The bill submitted contains eleven sections against hazing, and provides means for its detection and punishment. Dismissal is provided for taking part in a fight or a challenge, directly or indirectly, or for any form of annoying, harrassing, or bracing of cadets. Cadets dismissed are made ineligible to appointment to the army, navy or marine corps. Provision is made for courts of inquiry, court martials, closer association between officers and cadets, and other means for effectually stopping the practice of hazing.

FATAL AFFRAY IN CHARLOTTE.

Nelson Hamrick Shot and Killed and His Brother Fatally Wounded.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., February 9.—Nelson Hamrick, son of the chief of police at Forest City, N. C., was shot and instantly killed in Dick Bailey's barber shop to day. His brother, Ezell Hamrick, was fatally shot. The Hamrick boys attempted to smash the shop, after the style of Mrs Nation, while Bailey was shaving a customer. Bailey laid down his razor and picking up his pistol used it with the result stated. The Hamricks come of good family. Bailey says he had to shoot them in self defence.

It Saved His Leg.

P. A. Danforth, of LaGrange, Ga., suffered intensely for six months with a frightful running sore on his leg, but writes that Bucklen's Arnica Salve wholly cured it in ten days. For Ulcers, Wounds, Burns, Boils, Pain or Piles it is the best salve in the world. Cure guaranteed. Only 25 cents. Sold by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist.

AN ICE EMBARGO.

The New York Harbor Still Ice-locked and All Traffic Afloat Crippled by the Floes.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, February 9.—New York harbor was still ice locked to-day and all traffic afloat in bay and rivers was crippled by the floes. Not in many years, say the shipping men, has commerce on the harbor been so impeded by the ice. Even the Atlantic liners are delayed and bothered by the packs which for days have hung persistent along the water fronts everywhere, filling up the slips and causing delay and vexation to thousands who travel on ferry boats.

Increasing the trouble a hundred-fold came the storm this morning and for several hours ice and snow placed an embargo on the port. No vessel dared to navigate the narrows of Hell Gate until the snow had stopped falling. Many tug boats have been called into service to break the way for clogged vessels. Where one tug is usually used, two or three are required. The resources of the tug owners have been taxed to the limit. Last Wednesday night it was impossible to charter a tug for any price. Every one was busy. One of the largest owners of these boats in the city said to-day that the ice had probably disabled a hundred tugs by breaking their propellers. The dry docks are full of boats having broken wheels replaced. The ferry boats to-day continued to fight their way from slip to slip. It has been impossible for these boats to run on their schedule time for several days.

IN INDIAN TERRITORY.

Smallpox Raging—Five Members of One Family Lying Dead.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

MUSCOGEE, I. T., Feb. 9.—Word comes to night that five members of the Lawrence family, residing eighteen miles west of Wegenor, are lying dead at their home from smallpox; that two remaining members of the household are awaiting death, unconscious and another is nearly dead from fright and loss of sleep. The oldest son was taken sick Thursday and died in forty eight hours. The father left immediately for town to secure a coffin, and upon his return found two others had died also. The father was taken sick with the disease and died in four hours. Smallpox is raging throughout the territory and as there is no law to raise taxes to fight the disease and Congress refuses aid, the country is in a terrible condition.

JOINT SMASHING.

Three Saloons Raided by Citizens at Holton, Kansas.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

TOPEKA, KANS., Feb. 9.—Representative Lawrence to-day introduced a bill in the House to legalize joint smashing, making it a sufficient defence in an action at law to show that the property destroyed was used in the operation of a joint. The bill was advanced to second reading. A motion to rush it to third reading was defeated by a vote of 37 to 26.

Telephone advices received from Holton say that a thousand citizens banded together and smashed three joints this evening. Great excitement prevails there to-night.

WARM WIREETS.

General James M. Ruggles, who drafted the first platform of the Republican party, died yesterday at Springfield, Ohio.

Fifty American and two hundred Filipino women organized the Women's Peace League in Manila. The league advocates American sovereignty. A Filipino woman presided.

Ada Gray, the actress, whose name is inseparably connected with "East Lynne," is seriously ill in the home for incurables at Fordham, N. Y. She is there as a ward of the actor's fund.

Captain John T. Brady died yesterday at his home in Norfolk, Va., after a short illness. He was a prominent Elk, and president of the new Virginia-North Carolina baseball league, and prominent in other organizations.

Representative Small, of North Carolina, introduced a bill in the House to prohibit the sale or manufacture of distilled spirits, fermented liquors or wines made under the authority of the United States, in States where the same is prohibited by the laws of the State.

Camp W. J. Hardee, United Confederate Veterans, Birmingham, Ala., adopted resolutions declaring that the invitation extended President McKinley to attend the national reunion in Memphis was one of eminently good taste, and criticism of the act was unjustifiable and should be condemned.

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